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SAN FRANCISCO, 1861 (CONT.)

(Copy) Mint of the United States,

San Francisco Sept 4th 1861

~~Philadelphia, Oct. 21 to 1861~~

R. E. Cole Esq.,

Sir,

Yours of yesterday evening in answer to my first requisition for a supply of acid for the use of this branch, is before me. In it you allege certain statements and agreements on my part which I must simply and respectfully deny, believing that they arise from a misunderstanding on your part. I deny every thing that is not expressed in the Contract made in accordance with instructions from the Hon Secretary of Treasury in accepting your proposals to supply this Branch with acid. My note of Sept 3rd enclosing order for fourteen Carboys of acid is the first and only communication that has passed between us since the signing of the Contract.

Your answer to this Requisition appears to be that you regret, it to be filled from the acids which have been provided for this

and other contingencies — If this means that you cannot comply with the terms of your contract without assistance from the Government and wish it to draw upon its "reserve supply" until such time as you are prepared to carry out the contract without assistance — I will upon your stating definitely and explicitly what steps you have taken, and what facilities you possess, tending to the certainty of a sufficient supply of acid, commencing at a given and early period — decide whether I will take the responsibility of using the reserve supply as you desire

I now repeat the requisition for Fourteen carboys of Nitric acid to be delivered immediately, and fourteen more to be delivered to morrow

Please answer immediately

Respectfully

(Signed)

Robt. J. Stephens
Superintendent.

No. 2.

Sep 7th 1861

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the rcpt of your letter of Saturday refering to contract made between yourself and the U. S. Government for a supply of acids for this Branch - In which you state that you made that contract with the supposed understanding that you were to have ample time to erect suitable works in which to manufacture all the acid required, and profess your inability to comply with my requisition for acid of 30 th inst.

In signing the contract on behalf of the Govt. I knew nothing but the agreements therein stated - I acted under instructions.

I would have taken the responsibility of using the "reserve supply" of acid which the Govt. has on hand could I have received any certainty of your being able to continue a fresh supply before said reserve was exhausted.

By this misunderstanding I am placed in a very embarassing position -

If you can in any way comply with the terms of the contract it is my duty to urge you to do so - If on the contrary I am to understand your letter as a general abandonment of the contract on your part - I shall at once write to the Department & lay the case before them with all the mitigating circumstances you have stated.

Very Resp.

(Signed) R. J. Stevens

R. E. Cole Esq. San. Fco.

- Copy -

San Francisco

September 3rd 1861

Rector E. Cole Esq.

Sir, I have just received from the melter & Refiner a requisition for fourteen (14) Carboys of Nitric Acid for immediate use (if delivered tomorrow afternoon it will be in time) I have therefore to request that you will in accordance with the terms of the Contract between your self and the Govenment, supply the same as above

Very Respectfully

(Signed) Robt J. Stevens

Supt U. S. Branch

Cala.

Copy

Mint of the United States,
San Francisco Sep. 5th 1861
~~Philadelphia,~~ ~~186~~

R. J. Stevens,
Superintendent of U. S. B. mint
Sir,

Yours of yesterday is just received. In answer to mine of 3rd inst In it you deny every thing that is not expressed in the Contract. Allow me to say that your denial will not the positive testimony which I can produce in Confirmation of the statement in my former letter, and further you not only promised to use the acids on hand so as to allow me time to put up works, but you were told that three months time could be required to do it in, and you assented to it by furnishing the contracts and bonds.

In answer to your enquiry as to what steps (you) I have taken and what facilities (you) I possess, tending to the certainty of a sufficient supply of acids commencing at a given and early period. Allow me to say that I have made all the preliminary arrangements to put up works and procure material.

My facilities for completing the same at an early day, are as great as any others can have: Inasmuch as my associates are experienced business men and with ample means; as you are aware The given period was as you are aware three months from the 26th of last month, but as you have interposed obstacles since that date I shall require the above period from this date, or any future date, up to which you shall oppose me in fulfilling my contract.

In answer to your requisition for acid, I again request the acids on hand be used, and I will use all the diligence to have a supply in or before the time designated

Respectfully

Signed, R. E Cole

Copy

This letter was written with the design of getting an admission, that I had stated there was on hand a reserve supply of acid for the use of the Branch a sufficiency for any contingency & that I had so acknowledged & promised to use it in preference to the signing of the contract – which was not so.

Robt. J. Stevens
Superintendent
U. S. B. Mint
Cal.

signed

(Copy)

Mint of the United States,

San Francisco Sept 6th 1861

~~Philadelphia,~~ ~~1860~~

R. J. Stevens,

Superintendent U. S. B. mint

Dear Sir,

When I made the contract with you a few days since, to supply the mint under your charge with Acids, I did'ed, as I supposed with the distinct understanding between us, that a sufficient time would be given me for the erection of suitable works in which to manufacture all the Acids you might require.

I was then greatly surprised in receiving from you within two days thereafter a requisition for fourteen Carboys Nitric Acid and as you now distinctly state that you will require the Acid long before x I can produce them, I am under the necessity of saying, that it will be impossible for me to comply with your requisition

Very Respectfully yours

R. E. Cole,

(Signed)

Copy No. 3.

San Francisco Sep 10th 1861

R. J. Stevens.

Superintendent U.S.B.M.ins

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 9th is received, in which you propose to refer the matter to the Department, in the event of my abandonment of the Contract. Having been credibly informed that you already done this at an early date and having taken the same precautions myself I shall be compelled to await their decision

Respectfully

(Signed) R.E. Cole

Oct. 22. 1.

Sir.

I enclose herewith for Your examination and approval, the Contract and Bond of Messrs Judson Mc. for supplying the Branch Mint at San Francisco, Calf. With Acids, for the term of three Years from the 15th day of September 1861, at the rate or price of eleven cents per pound for Nitric and three and one half cents per pound for Sulphuric Acid.

The prices to be paid under the above Contract are one cent per pound more for Nitric and a half cent per pound for Sulphuric acid than Mr. Bobs bid. The prices paid under the Contract which expired on the 1st September, ult. was 12½ cents per pound for Nitric Acid and 4 cents per pound for Sulphuric.

It appears from the correspondence letters Mr. Lee and the Superintendent of

of which are transmitted herewith.—
That Mr. Cole could not commence
supplying acids under some six months.
In view of this fact and of the reasonable
terms upon which Judson Bro. are willing
to furnish supplies, I recommend the
acceptance of their proposition. The
Department may however, if it is
thought expedient, approve the
contract for one year, in which
case proposals could again be
invited say six months hence,
which would give the successful
bidder sufficient time in which to
erect acid works and obtain supplies
of raw materials. Straw &c &c

It is proper to add that the terms
of the contract of Judson Bro. correspond
with their bid under the recent letting
and that they are the owners of the only
acid works on the Pacific Coast.

With great respect
Your Obedient Servant
Jas. Pollock

Hon. S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury.

Superintendents Office

Branch Mint of the United States

San Francisco Sept. 13th 1861

Sir

I regret that I am obliged to inform you that R. E. Cole has professed his inability to comply with the terms of his agreement to supply this Branch with acid, on the ground that at the time of signing the contract, he supposed that an understanding existed that the Govt had on hand a sufficient "reserve supply" to use during the period which he would require to erect his works, a period he now defines "as 5 or 6 months." At the time of notifying Mr. Cole of the acceptance of his proposal by the Hon. Sec: of the Treasury I deemed it a proper precaution which has always been taken heretofore to ascertain fully and precisely what steps he had taken to insure the fulfillment of the contract — He replied by requesting me to draw on the reserve supply — I finally agreed to use the "reserve" if he would shew me satisfactorily that he would be enabled to commence supplying acid in sufficient and continuous quantities as soon as it was exhausted, he then "authorized" me to draw on the old contractors for an additional reserve supply which I had previously done at the time of receiving your letter enclosing the special contract with Judson & Co. for four hundred carboys — in accordance with instructions therein, I asked for 200 carboys additional, which they declined furnishing until after the 1st Sept. for the reason as they stated that some other parties would receive a portion of the profits if delivered before that date — As the terms of your letter and the fact of the special contract for reserve indicating 400 carboys seemed to imply, that the Government could not demand more under

the contract, I did not at that time press it, but afterwards, and bef the the expiration of the contract, made a demand for an extra reserve supply as -. I saw that owing to the large deposits of Washoe Bullion the Bro would run short of acid before the shipment via the Horn could arrive - This demand was not complied with. I now began to fear that the Branch might be closed for want of acid - as I never had been able to ascertain that Mr. Cole was doing anything towards carrying out his contract, and all attempts to satisfy myself upon this point were treated by Dr. Wogencraft, the agent for R. C. Cole, (and I am believe the real party in interest,) as endeavors to throw obstacles in the way of the contract - Dr. W. always had informed Mr. Cole that the Branch had an ample "reserve supply" on hand and the right to draw more from the then contractors - The contract was finally completed at 4 P. M. of the 31st. August - the delay being occasioned by difficulty in obtaining securities - On the 3d., I made a requisition for fourteen carboys of acid; still with the design of satisfying myself that the contractors were acting in good faith, but could get no other response than a reference to the reserve supply again - and vague statements - On the 5th I called upon Mr. Cole with a witness and stated that I wished to know what was being done on his part towards filling the contract, stating that I wished to have "ocular demonstration" - I wished to see what orders he had sent for "nitrate of soda" - what preparations had been made for building the works &c &c. He then admitted that he had made only preliminary arrangements and said that Dr Wogencraft had informed him that the Branch had sufficient supply to last until the works he proposed putting up could be completed - I then stated the amount of acid the Branch had and how long it would probably last, and also when that on the sea would probably arrive, and the great probability

to the Branch being without acid unless he resorted to some extraordinary means to supply it. I suggested that he should order by Telegram 200 carboys from New York to be shipped by Steamer across the Isthmus. He promised to wait upon me the next day at 11 o'clock which he did – he then stated his desire to fulfill the contract if possible and that he should consult with his associates, who are also his securities, in regard to getting acid out via the Isthmus – The securities themselves called on me shortly after and declared that the contract could not be kept – that they had been misinformed by Dr. Wogencraft &c – I then recd the Note No. 1 from Mr. Cole to which I replied Note No. 2 and he rejoined in the rather ambiguous Note No. 3 which was the last of the matter – I have omitted any mention of the letters written by Dr. Wogencraft and signed by Mr. Cole, except the last, of which I enclose the original – it is the only one received since the contract was signed, and is of the same character with several letters written before the contract was signed in which he alleges – that I told him that the Branch had a sufficient supply for any contingency – that I had power to draw on the then Contractors Judson & Co. for a further supply to any extent, and that I desired to throw impediments in the way of his fulfilment of the contract, all of which allegations I have no doubt he partially believed owing to his extremely sanguine temperament and eagerness to get the Contract perfected in a shape to sell – and all of which I denied –

My hesitation about using the "reserve supply" was caused by a desire to ascertain if Mr. Cole was acting in good faith and taking the necessary steps, my fear all along has been that the Branch might find itself short of acid as I could learn of no steps taken to send for Nitrate of Soda which from the nearest point where it

is procurable requiring a voyage of 5 or 6 months — or to commence erections of works, or to purchase lead, or anything in short which should have been done — Meantime on the 5th the old contractors had called upon me and stated that proposals were made to buy their works but that they should not sell and that the government would be obliged to fall back on their offer — which they agreed to hold open until the 14th and no longer, as they said it would be necessary for them to order Sulphur and other things immediately — if they took the contract.

During this time from 1st inst. and up to today I have drawn upon the reserve supply to the extent of 126 Carboys Nitric and 24 Carboys Sulphuric Acid, and finding that the supply would be exhausted before I could get advices, and that perhaps the Government would be placed at a still greater disadvantage if I failed to act, I have agreed to accept the proposals of Judson & Co., and execute a contract with them subject to the ratification of the Hon. Sec. of the Treasury for three years, at 11 cents for Nitric and 3½ cents for Sulphuric acid.

Judson & Co. according to their own statement which I believe to be truthful have acted in a highly honorable manner, as they have refused to enter into combinations offered them to put up the price to 14 cents for Nitric acid, and have implied confidence in the Government acting with fairness and liberality towards them — I trust that my course in this matter will meet with your approval.

I enclose another copy of unpaid Deposits at the end of August, the one sent in my letter of

yesterday not being signed.

To
Gov. Jas. Pollock
Director of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant—
(signed) Robt. J. Stevens
Superintendent

To The Sec Treasury
Washington City

Enclosing Contract
& Bond Judson & Co
for supplying 1 Pr
Iron Rail Road
also. correspondence
as to Mr Cobs
Bid Contract
Oct 22. 1861

Mint of the United States.
Philada. Sept. 17, 1861.

Sir.

I am advised by the Superintendent of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco, Cal. that it is not probable that R. E. Cole, whose bid for supplying that institution with acids for three years from the 1st. inst. was accepted, will be able to comply with the terms of the proposal. In that case we shall have to communicate with the next lowest responsible bidder for furnishing the acids in question. Please therefore to return to me the papers on this subject enclosed in my letter to You of the 13th. July last. I need particularly the copies of the bids which were enclosed among the same.

I have the honor to be
With great respect,
Your Obt. Servant,
James Pollock
Director of the Mint

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

pr. M. R. Linderman

To
Secty. Treasury
Failure of R Ebbe
to Comply with proposals
&c. furnishing Supplies
of Acid to the Mint
San Francisco
Request Copies of
Bids Sent on
13th July returned.
Sept. 7. 1861

Superintendent's Office,

Copy

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., September 1861

R. J. Stevens Esqr

Superintendent

Dear Sir

Owing to great amounts of Bullion being deposited in our Mint at present, classed as Washae Bars &c; and containing gold and Silver in such proportions as need seperation; and as the parting charge is based upon the cost sustained by the Mint in working the same; I have deemed it necesary to call your attention to this particular class of deposits, in order that you may establish a tariff or charge, that will cover the nett cost of working metal classed under the head of Washae Bars &c.

I am perfectly satisfied from the experience we have gained in working the Bullion, that the charge of 3 cents pr gross oz. after melting will not pay the cost of materials for parting and refining, many of these deposits, say nothing of the labor bestowed. Not knowing this to a certainty, I instituted a series of experiments, and noted the cost of materials &c used in the different

operations in my department.

Washoe metal contains on an average from 750 to 800 thousandths of Silver, and from 60 to 95 thousandths of Gold, the remainder being base metal. Now, as we cannot mix these deposits and their excess of Silver with our regular California gold in granulating; thereby saving acid to a great degree; but are forced from the presence of insoluable base metal, to work them in our refinery as experimental runs by themselves.

From this fact alone we use more material, than was intended when the 3 cent per gross oz charge was established. Another cause of the great cost arises from the fact that this class of deposits contains a greater amount of base metal (and especially Copper) than other Bullion received at our Mint; thereby requiring a greater Amount of Acid and Refining Fluxes, or the almost absolute necessity of a Test Furnace.

From the crowded state of our Mint, and the absolute prevention of our puting up a Test Furnace, we are forced to work off the base metal by the acid and the other insoluable base metals by means of refining fluxes and fire, after the gold is seperated.

Now from the above facts owing to the great quantity of Acid, the fluxes for refining, and the great amount

of manipulations, I have after experimenting arrived at the following data.

Silver Bars from Washoe Mines (Coppery) containing Gold from 1½ to 300 thousandths, the cost of seperating and refining independent of labor is 3⅓ cents per gross oz after melting.

Metal from the same locality (not Coppery) and containing only a small amount of base metal 2½ cents per gross oz after melting.

A great amount of this trouble and some cost no doubt could be saved, if the base metals were worked off on a bone Ash bed in a Test furnace; but unluckily we have no room in this mint to erect one. Hoping that you will bear in mind that the expense of labour does not increase from the fact of receiving this class of deposits, the only difference is owing to the cost of material used for seperating and refining.

Very Respectfully
R. J. Denio
Melter & Refiner

Cost of Parting &
Refining Washoe
Silver Cal.a Per
Mint
Sept. 1861

Charges of
5 cts per oz
Authorized by
Director Oct 16, 1861

Phila.d: Aug 31. 1861.

Dr. Sir.

I have received no letters from you of later date than the 13th. ult.o (July)

The Bullion accounts of your Br. office, for the 2nd. Quarter, 1861, have been transmitted to me by the 1st. Auditor, and my attention called to the fact that the new Treasurer, Mr. Cheesman, renders the accounts for the entire quarter, when in reality, he did not enter upon the discharge of the duties of Treasurer, until the 6th. of June. On examination of the accounts, I find that he has brought forward the balances, regularly from the last accounts rendered by his predecessor, Mr. Snyder, and that there are no receipts from the late Treasurer, for Gold and Silver bullion, and Gold and Silver Coins transferred to his Successor, except for Gold Coins received for Assay.

It will be necessary for Mr. Snyder, the

[illegible] Receiver to render and report forthwith
[illegible] Court [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] receipt of this [illegible] for [illegible]
transfered. Mr. Sheehan [illegible] to
render said account from the 6th. to the
[illegible] to be made as
early as convenient. [illegible]

Please advise me at your convenience
what final disposition, if any, is made
in the case of the U. States against A. Hanaupta
former Melter & Refiner; also, the precise amount
of the deficit in the bullion returned by him
in settlement of account

Enclosed I send for your information
a copy of an account paid by me for
acids shipped to your institution. I also
enclose Receipt of Wells Fargo & Co. for crucibles
&c. shipped to your Br. Mint by Jos. Dixon & Co.
It will be seen that the expenses of forwarding
the crucibles are heavy. To avoid this
in future, it will be best for you to send

To

Supt. Br. Mint.

San Francisco

Cal.a

Requesting settlement of late Treasurer's Bullion Ac.

Inquiring as to final disposition of Case against A. Haraty thy.

Enclosing Wells Fargo & Co's receipt for Crucibles ship'd.

Aug 31 1861.

Superintendent's Office,

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., Aug 28 1861.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of July 31st by it I discover that my letter of June 30th had not at the date of your writing yet come to hand, altho you had recd letters from me of later date. The letter of June 30 was very full & covered enclosures of importance, such as a synoptical statement of the settlement of the retiring officers, also a table of operations for the Fiscal Year ending June 30 &c &c all of which shall be immediately duplicated.

I enclose herewith a Requisition for expenses of the Quarter ending Dec 31. 1861. also a requisition from the U.S. Ks department for Dixon Black lead pots, these may come via the Cape Horn. I have the honor to be Very Respy

Yr Obt Servt

Wm J Stevens

Superintendent

Gen Jas Pollock

Director U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Superintendent's Office,

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., Aug 29th 1861.

Gen Jas Pollock
Director of the Mint
Phila Pa

Herewith please receive copy of letter of June 30th - excepting that portion of it referring to the late difficulty between the Treasurer myself about appointment of Cashier in Treasury Department - This letter was despatched July 1st in the first mail over the new "Overland route" I enclose also copies of the papers it covered viz:- Statement of Operations of Fiscal Year ending June 30th
Synoptical Statement of Settlement of retiring Officers
Statement of character of Bullion returned in Settlement

The estimates for appropriation for the next fiscal year are nearly ready, & will be forwarded the moment they are received from the different departments

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
A B Stevens
Superintendent

P.S. The Newspaper cutting of "Statement of Operations" is sent until such time as a new paper can be prepared from the copy on the Treasury Books

A B Stevens Supt

San Francisco
Aug. 29. 1861

From Supt.
Branch Mint
San Francisco

Relative to the difficulty between the Supt. & Treasurer in regard to the appointment of Clerks in the Treasury Dept.

(Copy)

This Agreement made on this Twenty Seventh day of August A.D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty one

Between

Rector C. Cole of the city of San Francisco State of California, party of the first part and Robert J. Stevens Superintendent of the Branch Mint of the United States situated at the city of San Francisco state aforesaid party of the second part

Witnesseth

That the said Rector C. Cole party of the first part, for the consideration hereinafter named, agrees to manufacture for, and supply the U. S. Branch Mint at San Francisco for the term of Three years from the First day of September A.D. 1861, all acid which the said Branch Mint may require on the following terms to wit. Nitric or parting acid of 38° strength (Baurne) at ten cents per pound, and Sulphuric acid of 60° strength at three cents per pound, The said acids are to be delivered in glass carboys, daily, or when required, by the party of the second part, at the said Branch Mint in San Francisco

The said party of the second part, on behalf of the United States in consideration of the above hereby agrees that the said Branch Mint shall take and use from the party of the first part all the acids required for refining purposes, to carry on the operations of the said Branch Mint for the aforesaid term of three years.

The said party of the second part further agrees, on behalf of the United States to pay or cause to be paid to the said party of the first part the aforementioned sum of ten cents per pound for all Nitric, or parting acid of 38° strength, as aforesaid, and for all Sulphuric acid of 60° strength, the sum of three cents per pound.

The said party of the second part further agrees, on behalf of the United States, to return to the party of the first part, at the doors of the said Branch Mint, the empty glass carboys, and to allow for the use and repackage of the same the sum of fifty cents for each carboy

The said party of the first part further stipulates and agrees, with the said party of the second part, that simultaneously with the signing of this contract, he will give a bond in the sum of Twenty Five thousand dollars as security for the faithful performance of the stipulations aforesaid on his part, barring the destruction of his Factory by fire or other unforseen or unavoidable casualty or the loss of any shipment of his raw material, in which latter case the party of the first part is excused from furnishing acid equal to the amount that could be produced from the raw material lost.

In the event of any such casualty the said party of the first part, agrees to give notice to the Superintendent, of the said Branch Mint of his ability or inability to carry out the aforesaid requirements, and continue the necessary supply of acids, within as brief a period, as the said supply can be

obtained from any other source. ——————

——————The Secretary of the Treasury to provide such means as he may deem expedient, in the event of a failure to insure to the said Branch Mint, a reliable and sufficient supply of acids for the future. ——————

——————And provided further, that this contract shall be subject to the ratification of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States.

——————In Witness Whereof, the said parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written ——————

In presence of
W. H. Tompkins
Thomas L. Kimball } (signed) (signed) Rector E. Cole (L.S.)

(signed) Robt. J. Stevens (L.S.)
Superintendent
U.S. Br. Mint, Cal.

Rector E. Cole

with

Robert J. Stevens

Supt. U.S. Mint - Calc.

Agreement

United States of America
Northern District of California

Know all men by these Presents, That we Rector E. Cole as principal and Charles Fosmer & Dr. H. M. Gray as Sureties, all residents of said District are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America in the sum of Twenty Five thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) lawful money of the United States of America, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents — Sealed with our respective seal, this thirty first day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty one

The condition of this obligation is such, that if the above bounden Rector E. Cole, should from time to time, and at all times hereafter, well and truly keep, observe fulfill and perform all and every of the conditions, articles or agreements which are contained and specified in the foregoing contract to be kept, observed, fulfilled and performed by said Rector E. Cole, as by said contract will more fully appear, then this obligation shall be void, but if said Rector E. Cole shall not keep, observe, fulfill and perform all and every of the conditions articles or agreements of said contract to be kept, observed fulfilled and performed by him We bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs executors and administrators jointly and severally, to pay to the United States of America said sum of

Twenty Five thousand Dollars ($25.000.00) as liquidated, stipulated or stated damages and not as a penalty.

Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of. R. E. Cole

Cutler McAllister U.S. Commis, Chas. Hosmer

H. M. Gray

State of California
City & County of San Francisco

Charles Hosmer

being duly sworn deposes and says that he is a freeholder in the said state of California, and that he is worth the sum of Twenty five thousand dollars mentioned in the aforesaid bond as the penalty thereof, over and above all his just debts & liabilities exclusive of property exempt from execution.

Subscribed & Sworn before me this 31st day of August A.D. 1861. Chas Hosmer

Cutler McAllister U.S. Commis,

State of California
City & County of San Francisco

Dr. H. M. Gray

being duly sworn deposes and says that he is a freeholder in the said State of California, and that he is worth the sum of Twenty five thousand dollars mentioned in the aforesaid bond as the penalty thereof over and above all his just debts and liabilities, exclusive of property exempt from execution.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31st day of August A.D. 1861 H. M. Gray

Cutler McAllister U.S. Commis

City and County of San Francisco

I know the Sureties on the foregoing bond & they are in my opinion sufficient to pay the penalty therein Expressed.

August 31st 1861

(Signed) Wm H. Sharp

U.S. Atty.

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
August 22nd 1861

Hon James Pollock
Director M.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

I herewith, transmit the Bullion accounts of the Branch Mint at San Francisco for the second quarter 1861.

You will perceive that the new Treasurer D.W. Cheesman, renders the accounts for the entire quarter, when in fact he did not enter upon the discharge of the duties of Treasurer, until the 6th of June. Upon examination I find that he has brought forward the balances, regularly from the last accounts rendered by his predecessor, Mr Snyder. All receipts have been received from the late Treasurer, for Gold & Silver Bullion, and Gold & Silver Coinage, transfered to his successor, except for Gold Coin, reserved for assay. You will find enclosed, copies of

Only receipts received from the late Treasurer for Monies, or Bullion, transfered to his successor, receipts for the transfer of the Books, & furniture, have been received.

I have to request that you will give such instructions, to the Superintendent, as to cause Mr. Snyder, to render an account from April 1st to June 6th and the furnish the receipts of his successor, for balances transfered. You will also request Mr. Chessman, to render an account from the 6th to the 30th of June.

I have deemed it unnecessary to transmit the Deposit Warants, and Assay Reports, they can be assorted by this Office, and filed with the proper accounts, when rendered. I enclose copies of the correspondence, between the late Treasurer, and the Superintendent, also a copy of Mr. Chessman's letter to the late Treasurer.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

T. L. Smith
Auditor

No 1,
"Copy"

Branch Mint of the United States
Treasurer's Office, San Francisco, June 4th 1861

Robt J. Stevens.
Superintendent.

Sir;

I have this day received from Mr Cheesman who has been appointed Treasurer of the U.S. Branch Mint at this place, a peremptory demand for the Office I now hold. As the general operations of the Branch Mint are under your supervision and direction, I will be obliged if you will inform me, if you know of any way in which Mr Cheesman can be accomodated, prior to the Melter & Refiner and Coiner delivering over to me all the precious metals in their possession according to law. An early answer is requested.

Respectfully Your Obt Servant
signed J R Snyder
Treasurer

No 2 Copy"

U.S. Branch Mint

Treasurer's Office, San Fran. June 4 1861

Robt J. Stevens Esqr.

Superintendent &c.

Sir,

Enclosed, I send you a letter received from Mr. Cheesman again demanding that I surrender to him the Office of Treasurer of the Branch Mint, and I ask that you will at once close the Mint, that I may turn over all the Money & public property in my possession.

Respectfully Yr Obt Servant

(signed) J. R. Snyder,

Treasurer.

No 3 Copy

Supts' Office Br Mint

2 o'clock San Francs. June 4. 1861

Sir

Your two communications of to day, rec'd within the hour, I herewith acknowledge. They are of grave importance & require deliberation. You will hear further by 5 this P.M.

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt.

Jno. R. Snyder Esq. (signed) Robt J. Stevens

Treasr Br Mint. Superintendent

San Francisco Cal.

No 4 Copy

San Francisco, Cal June 4th 1861

Jacob R. Snyder, Esqr.

Sir

I have already exhibited to you Letters Patent signed by the President of the United States & countersigned by the Secretary of State appointing me to the Office of Treasurer of the Branch Mint of the United States at San Francisco, California, which said Letters bear date April 3rd 1861 & bear the seal of the Government. In my interview with you yesterday & again in my interview with you this morning, I requested you to vacate the said Office in my favor. I have considered your suggestions relative to the state of your accounts with the Melter & Refiner & other Officers of the Mint, & have concluded that my official duty requires that I should insist upon what I understand to be my official rights. Every facility will be extended to you by me to enable you to close your accounts with the Offices aforesaid, but I now make a formal demand upon you to surrender to me the said Office, all the Government Moneys & other Government property in your possession. I shall call on you at 2 o'clock P.M. today, for the purpose of accepting the aforesaid surrender at your hands.

Very Truly Yrs

(signed) J. D. W. Chessman

Copy

San Francisco, June 8th 1861

R. J. Stevens Esqr. Superintendent
of the Branch Mint San Francisco,

Sir

Enclosed you will find the receipts given to me by W.W. Cheesman, Treasurer of the Branch Mint at this place for money & property turned over to him by me as Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. & Officio Treasurer of the Branch Mint at San Francisco. You will oblige me by forwarding the same by mail to the Secty of the Treasury of the United States. It would have been much more satisfactory to me had I been permitted to settle up my accounts with the Melter & Refiner & Coiner for the precious metals delivered to and received from them during the quarter, or even for the months of April & May & a few days in June. As this was not permitted, I had left me no alternative as you are well aware, but to vacate the Office, Mr. Cheesman would consent to no delay, he having invested the Office with a number of persons, and ordered my Clerks in the midst of the regular business of the Office, to obey no instructions except such as emanated from him, — throwing the public business

into disorder & confusion, All this took place as you know before any formal recognition of Mr Cheesman's claims to the Office had been made by you; — in fact, his Clerks had not been appointed — had not executed their bonds or taken the oath of Office. I consider the whole transaction of vacating my office without a final settlement with the Melter & Refiner and the Coiner, irregular & informal & I now inform you that I will not hold myself accountable for any injury that the Government may sustain thereby. You have in your hands a correspondence between us, and a letter from Mr Cheesman. You will oblige me by furnishing the Secretary of the Treasury with a copy of this letter, copies of our correspondence, and a copy of Mr Cheesman's letter to me. I will also, state that my desire to remain in the Office until my settlement was finished, which would have been in two or three weeks at the farthest was not to obtain the pay for I informed Mr Wighton who came from Mr Cheesman on several occasions to confer with me, that I would relinquish all claims to the pay. Owing to the complex character of the accounts between the Melter & Refiner and the Coiner & Treasurer, I think that before the settlement is concluded difficulties will present themselves that are not now thought of. After Mr Cheesman's last demand on the 6th of June and your formal recognition of him as Treasurer on that day, I could

I assume no other course than that of retiring at once without even balancing some of my important books. After serving the Government for eight years, and disbursing & accounting some $150.000.000 Dollars I cheerfully retire.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servant
J. R. Snyder

Copy

6	Trays	$20,000 ea	$120,000.00
1	"		" 16,782.25
1	"		" 6,038.40
1	"		" 4,396 81
1	" Eagles		" 10,000 00
1	" 1/4 "		" 5,000.00
6	" & Bags 1/2 Dollars	$1,000 ea	" 6,000.00
1	" 1/2 & 1/4 Eagles		" 3,000.00
1	Change Box		" 200 00
3	Bags Silver assd	$1,000 ea	" 3,000.00
1	" " 1/2 Dimes		" 100.00
1	Lot " Dollars		" 8.38
			$ 174,545.84

Ordinary

1 Warr	$ 7,895.60	
Excep of Wages of Workmen	" 89.26	
" " Salaries of Clerks	" 21.34	
Treasurers Salary	" 1,125.00	
Balance of Draft	" 73.20	
Advances on Salaries	" 508.33	
Petty Expenses	" 328.18	
Cr Per Philada	7191	16,150.02
		$ 190,695.86
Balance per Ledger & Blotter		190,685 01
over		$ 10.85

Received of Jacob R Snyder the sum of One hundred and eighty five thousand, five hundred and one 57/100 dollars now in the Office of the Treasurer of the United States Branch Mint at San Francisco which together with the vouchers delivered to me for Five thousand and eighty three 33/100 dollars advanced on salaries for the

months of April and May 1861 – Three hundred and twenty eight 18/100 dollars, for Petty Expenses, from April 1st to June 5th 1861, and seventy one 61/100 dollars, Credit in Philadelphia constitutes the sum of One hundred and ninety thousand, six hundred and eighty five 61/100 Dollars, appearing on the books of the said Treasurer to the credit of the United States, – also Ten 85/100 Dollars surplus, over and above amount to the credit of the United States; and for which I now sign receipts in triplicate at San Francisco this sixth day of June 1861

Witnesses / signed /
La Fayette Hammond
R B Sanches

(signed) D. P. Cheesman
Treasurer of the
Branch Mint
San Francisco

"Copy"

Branch Mint of the U. States,
Treasurer's Office
San Francisco, June 6, 1861.

Received from J. R. Snyder, Ex. Treasurer, U. S. Branch Mint, San Francisco, Forty-nine double Eagles, value at Nine hundred and eighty dollars, the same being the coins reserved for Apay from April 1st to June 5, 1861 - inclusive -

#9 Double Eagles $980.00

Signed D. N. Cheeseman
Treasurer U. S. B. Mint
San Francisco. Cal.

Witness
Signed La Fayette Hammond
Henry Baker.

"Copy"

Packages and Boxes of Gold, Silver and Iridium received from A. Haraszthy, late Melter & Refiner and others.

No.	Gross Weight	Fineness Gold	Fineness Silver	Value		Description
Oz.	Dec	1000 ths	1000 ths	$	cts.	
16.	31					Box containing Iridium
187.	88					" " "
134.	85					" " "
251.	40					" " "
57.	30	Total	Iridium	Ozs. 647	24	Iridium received from G. A. Garnett M. & R.
2.	67	980½	17	54.	13	Packages of Gold
3.	13	859	101	55.	95	" " "
11.	08	—	998	14.	29	" " Silver
						Packages containing Gold & Silver bars
16.	42	9.78	—	331.	96	with Chips & grains found in an
2.	73	1.55	835	11.	69	old Melter used by A. Haraszthy, late
11.	54	883½	100	212.	11	Melter & Refiner
		Total		$ 680.	13	Package containing sweeps from
						counter of Weight-Room

Received of Jacob R. Snyder the sum of six hundred and eighty 13/100 dollars, the same being the value of sundry lots of Gold & Silver named above; also five boxes of Iridium weighing six hundred and forty-seven 24/100 ounces, and paid over to me this day by Jacob R. Snyder, Esq. Treasurer, U. S. Branch Mint, and for which I have signed triplicate receipts at San Francisco, this 6th day of June, 1861.

Witnesses — Signed
La Fayette Hammond
R. B. Sanches

Signed
D. N. Cheeseman
Treasurer U. S.
Branch Mint
San Francisco.

Copy.

Supt's Office, San Franc'o Br Mint. July 8. 1861.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the "Data for Quarterly Warrants, for the Quarter just closed. This paper seems to indicate your intention to embrace the entire operations of the Quarter in one sett of Qs, including the receipts & deliveries of the late Treasurer, Snyder, who went out on the 3th of June, with the receipts and deliveries during your own incumbency.

I am willing to draw my Warrants to suit your convenience in this matter, – but deem it my duty to call your attention to the fact that the Departments are very particular and strict both as to the manner & matter of the accounts of this Institution.

Very Respt'fy
Your Obt Servant.
(signed) Robt Stevens. Supt.

D.H. Cheesman Esqr.
Treas U.S. Br Mint. Cal.

Copy of Reply.

Treas Office, San Fran, July 8th 1861.

Sir.

In answer to your communication of this date making certain enquiry concerning the quarterly accounts of the 2nd Quar 1861, – I beg leave to inform you that after careful investigation, I have determined to embrace the entire quarters proceedings in one sett of accounts.

I have the honor to remain
Very Respt'fy
Your Obt Servant,
(signed) D.H. Cheesman.
Treasurer.

Robt Stevens Esqr.
Supt U.S. Br Mint.
Cal.

Superintendents' Office, U. S. Br Mint,
San Francisco, Cal, July 19th 1861.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit to your address, per Wells Fargo & Cos Express, One Box of Bullion Accounts of the Branch Mint, for the 2nd Quarter 1861, as furnished to me by the Treasurer.

In addition to the contents of the Box, as mentioned in the letter of the Treasurer, and which accompanies the Accounts and Vouchers, I also forward the usual Counter statements of the Melter & Refiner & Coiner for the 2nd Quar 1861.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servants,

Robt J Stevens
Superintendents.

To F. A. Smith Esqr.
1st Auditor of the Treasury.
Washington.
D. C.

From,
T. L. Smith Esq
1st Auditor Treasury
Washington City

a/cs Pr. Mail
San Francisco. —
of new Treasurer. —
Informality as to
time Embraced
Instructions to
Govern &c
Aug 23. 1861

Approx. Settlement

Corner

Br. Mk. S. Francisco

for

Ls. Entry Mch 31. 1861

U. S. Br. Mint San Francisco

Approximate Settlement of Coiner for the Quarter ending March 31st 1861.

	Ozs	Dec	Ounces	Dec
Gold Bullion rec'd. for Coinage	230 983	40		
" " rt'd. to Treasurer	223 944	38		
Balance to be accounted for.			7 039	02
Clippings on hand,	3 656	67		
Assayed Bars " " No. 1 & 2.	1 188	69		
Gold Coins " "	2 162	15	7 007	31
Apparent Loss.			31	51
Of which there will be recovered at Actual Settlement Day.			20	00
Actual Wastage by approximation			11	51
Legal Limit on bullion Worked			346.	47

Correct.

Signed R. V. Slocomb

Coiner.

U.S. Branch Mint Fiscal Year 1860-61.

Silver Bullion recd. description, for what deposited or purchased Weight Value Charges etc. etc.

Quarter	Number of Deposits	Description	Character	Weight Gross Ounces dec	Weight Stand Ounces	Gross Value of Silver	Gross Value of Gold	Charges Coinage	Charges Parting	Charges Mkg. Bars	Net value to Depositors
Third Quar. 1860	80	Mostly Washoe	Purchased	41 462 55	41 247 13	49 909 03	11 148 09	55 81	385 82		$ 60.615 49
Fourth Do.	36	About Two Thirds	Purchased	15 312 35	15 231 48	18 430 09	9 201 36	46 03	95 99		„ 27.489 43
First Quar 1861	88	Washoe and 1/3 Mixed Coins etc.	Purchased	43 709 35	45 663 14	55 252 40	19 015 48	95 17	536 54		„ 73.636 17
Second Do.	30		Purchased	10 747 10	9 529 74	11 530 97	13 234 27	66 20	187 08		„ 24 511 96
Totals	234			111 231 35	111 671 49	$ 135 122 49	$ 52 599 20	$ 263 21	$ 1205 43		$ 186.253 05

Silver Coined and Manufactured into Bars.

Month	Half Dollars Ounces	Half Dollars Value	Quarter Dollars Ounces	Quarter Dollars Value	Dimes Ounces	Dimes Value	Refined Bars Ounces	Refined Bars Value	Totals Ounces	Totals Value
July	19 200 00	$ 24 000 00					31 773 58	$ 36 972 86	50 973 58	$ 60 972 86
August	8 000 00	10 000 00	10 400 00	$ 13 000 00			13 404 43	16 300 50	31 804 43	39 300 50
September	16 000 00	20 000 00							16 000 00	20 000 00
October	16 000 00	20 000 00			8 000 00	$ 10 000 00	863 32	1 049 85	24 863 32	31 049 85
November	25 600 00	32 000 00							25 600 00	32 000 00
December										
January	19 200 00	24 000 00					7 628 78	9 277 00	26 828 78	33 277 00
February	4 000 00	5 000 00							4 000 00	5 000 00
March	8 000 00	10 000 00							8 000 00	10 000 00
April	24 000 00	30 000 00					1 293 17	1 572 57	25 293 17	31 572 57
May							5 191 25	6 312 83	5 191 25	6 312 83
June										
Totals	140 000 00	$ 175 000 00	10 400 00	$ 13 000 00	8 000 00	$ 10 000 00	60 154 53	$ 71 485 61	218 554 53	$ 269 485 61

United States Branch Mint
San Francisco Calª June 30th. 1861.

D. P. Ohleyer
Treasurer

57,715.49
6.7
1,205,43

U. S. B. Mint Fiscal Year 1860 - 61

Deposits of Gold Bullion each month with Description, Value, Charges, etc. etc.

Month	Number of Deposits	Description	Weight Gross Ozs.	Dec.	Fineness	Stand Ozs.	Dec.	Gross Value of Gold Dollars	Dec	Value of Silver Dollars	Charges Premium on Silver	Coinage	Parting	Making Bars	Net value to Depositors.
July	497	About half Refined Gold Bars	93 457	59	944	97 987	251	1 823 018	68	5 203 24	208 15	9 142 43	4 539 75		1 814 747 89
August	454		56 394	03	929	58 261	383	1 083 932	68	4 103 00	164 11	5 441 34	3 547 76		1 079 210 69
September	408		34 909	57	877	34 021	946	632 966	41	4 687 12	187 44	3 191 41	3 723 23		630 926 33
October	322		23 183	28	847	21 821	829	405 987	47	3 583 37	143 35	2 048 26	2 086 15		405 579 78
November	297		35 898	71	906	36 135	733	672 292	75	3 512 86	140 49	3 380 76	2 335 69		670 229 65
December															
January	419	About Two Thirds Amalgam and One Third Bars and Grains	32 315	56	880	31 609	784	588 089	03	3 735 19	149 36	2 955 46	3 614 46	6.67	585 396 99
February	556		47 205	71	883	46.361	958	862 548	01	5 850 23	233 95	4 343 81	5 972 90		858 315 48
March	724		65 086	00	880	63 646	242	1 184 116	15	7 761 72	310 49	5 971 30	7 984 95		1 178 232 11
April	890		86 284	20	882	84 597	767	1 573 911	87	10 918 52	436 77	7 926 38	10 836 50		1 566 504 28
May	1050	Nearly all Refined Bars	143 741	51	912	145 740	676	2 711 454	51	13 366 34	534 64	13 626 53	13 074 10		2 698 654 86
June	27		32 592	58	991	35 908	498	668 065	08			3 340 40			664 724 68
Totals	5644		651 068	74		656 093	067	$ 12 206 382	64	$ 62 721 59	$ 2508 75	$ 61 368 08	$ 57 715 49	$ 6.67	$ 12 152 522 74

Gold Coined

Month	Double Eagles Ounces	Dec	Dollars	Eagles Ounces	dec	Dollars	Half Eagles Ounces	dec	Dollars	Quarter Eagles Ounces	dec	Dollars	Grand Total Ounces	dec	Dollars
July	83 527	50	1554 000										83 527	50	1 554 000 00
August	77 937	50	1450 000										77 937	50	1 450 000 00
September	29 025	00	540 000							1 881	25	35 000 00	30 906	25	575 000 00
October	23 650	00	440 000				2 150	00	40 000 00				25 800	00	480 000 00
November	32 578	75	605 000										32 578	75	605 000 00
December	10 320	00	192 000										10 320	00	192 000 00
January	18 543	75	345 000	3 225	00	60 000 00							21 768	75	405 000 00
February	41 925	00	780 000										41 925	00	780 000 00
March	62 618	75	1.165 000										62 618	75	1 165 000 00
April	58 050	00	1.080 000										58 050	00	1 080 000 00
May	126 850	00	2,360 000										126 850	00	2 360 000 00
June	95 406	25	1775 000										95 406	25	1 775 000 00
Totals	660 372	50	$ 12, 286 000	3 225	00	60 000 00	2 150	00	40 000 00	1 881	25	35 000 00	667 628	75	$ 12 421 000 00

614,300 6,000 8,000 14 000 00

United States Branch Mint
San Francisco. Cal.
June 30th 1861.
D. N. Cheesman Treasurer

Gold & Silver Bullion

Receipts

Fiscal Year ending June 30/61.

62,721.57
135 122.49
197.844 06

Statement of Gold Deposits & Coinage, at the U. S. Branch Mint,
San Francisco, California, for the Month of June 1861.

Deposits.

	Gross Weight Ounces.	Standard Weight Ozs.	Value. Dolls. Cts.
	32.592 58	35.908 495	668.065 68

Coinage.

Description of Coin.	Number of Pieces.	Value Dolls. Cts.
Double Eagles	88.750	1.775.000 "

To Hon James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

San Francisco, July 5th 1861.
Robt J. Stevens
Superintendent
"

Gold Deposits & Coinage
June 1861

— Copy —

Melter & Refiner's Office
U. S. Branch Mint
San Francisco
Sept 9. 1861.

R. J. Stevens Esq
Superintendent

Dear Sir.

Owing to the scarcity, and price of various articles in this market needed in Mint Operations - I think it would be advisable to order from the Atlantic States, and Shipped via Cape Horn the following —

30 Boxes (110 lbs each) Borax
250 lbs Refined Borax
250 " Nitre
200 " Corrosive Sublimate

Also Shipped via Panama the following

120 lbs Nitre
120 " Corrosive Sublimate

Very Respectfully
W. L. Seno
Melter & Refiner

Coiner's Office
U. S. Br. Mint
San Francisco
Sept 6. 1861

R. J. Stevens Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
Sir.

The late Melter & Refiner Mr Garnett used up all the Fire Clay which was sent out from the States for the Coining Department. None of the same quality is to be found in this City, wherefore you will please to order Twelve Barrels best quality Scotch Fire Clay from Philadelphia

Respectfully Yours

Wm. Johnston
Coiner

Copy

Order
Case "Dorm"

Sept 9, 1861

Copy

Branch Mint of the United States
Treasurer's Office
San Francisco Sept. 25th 1861

Robert J. Stevens Esq.
Superintendent &c,

Sir:

Herewith please find Statements of the condition of the Ordinary Fund, for the payment of the current expenses of this institution

You will perceive the account has been running unsettled since July 1. 1859, previous to that time there seems to have been regular settlements at the end of each fiscal year.

Statement "A" contains a summary of the monthly deductions or profits of the Mint from July 5, 1859 to June 30. 1861, showing a balance, for which no specific drafts have been received for $116.542.96 — it may be well to state here that the drafts received by this Branch, for more than a year previous and up to June 30. 1861, have been for round sums, without any reference to the quarterly requisitions.

Statement "B", shows the condition of the "Special Appropriations" made by Congress for the uses of this Branch, to which I have added the balance of the "Profits account" (Statement "A") so as to show the entire amount due this Branch from all sources, up to June 30th 1861.

Statement "C" shows the Condition of the "Ordinary

Fund" for the Quarter ending September 30th. 1861 - to which is also added the balance due this Branch on the 30th day of June 1861, as shown by Statement "B" so that this Statement shows the exact amount due this institution from all sources up to the 30th day of September 1861 inclusive

I have the honor to remain
Your Obt Sevt.
D. H. Cheesman
Treasurer.

P.S. The last draft received here for $69.012.96 appears to have been sent to cover the requisition for the quarter ending Sept. 30th 1861, whereas no draft has as yet been received here to cover the requisition made for the quarter ending June 30th, 1861

Yours &c
D. H. Cheesman
Treasurer

Condition of
Ordinary Fund B. Mint
San Francisco
Sept 25, 1861

Statement of Sweep of 1861- referred to.

Matter & Refiners

73 Bbls, containing (31.631 pounds nett avor. 462.012 ozs Troy)

Stand Gold 205.146 ozs Stand Silver 681.04 ozs

Value Gold Value Silver

(pr assay rept's $3816.70 pr assay rept's. $792.48)

Coiner

2 Bbls containing (576 pounds avor 8.400 ozs Troy)

Stand Gold 30.053 ozs Stand Silver 14.46 ozs

Value Gold

pr assay rept $559.13 Value Silver $16.83

Bill of Sale
Simpson
1861

Superintendent's Office
U.S. Mint San Francisco
San Francisco Aug 21. 1861

Sir:

I have rec'd & this the following note from Lieut Colonel Steptoe -

Copy

San Francisco Aug 20. 1861. R. Stevens Supt
U.S. Mint. Cal Sir:

Yours of this date is received in answer to your inquiry as to my facilities for immediate supplies I have requested in a former note, that you use the coin, which I am informed you have on hand to meet contingencies, & charge the same to my account and feel assured that before that supply can be exhausted, under ordinary circumstances - I shall be prepared to manufacture & meet all demands

Very Respy
Yr Obt Svt
A Ebbe

I understand this supply to be kept for any emergency that cannot be foreseen & provided for & of course do not feel at liberty to accede to this demand - the purpose of which note

in the office purposes" to furnish Nitric and & Sulphuric acid to the U S Government to be delivered at the Mint in San Francisco in such quantities & at such time, as may be demanded for the purpose of parting & refining Gold & Silver for the period of three years from & after the 1st September 1861."

I have answered the note, saying I should expect compliance with the terms of the proposal without reference to the 'reserve'—

It therefore seems to me altogether probable that Mr Cole will not be able to comply with the terms of the proposal—& in that case I shall be obliged to draw on the reserve supply—I send this letter by Pony & hope that you will answer by the same medium in which case I can get advice from you within thirty days—

I have the honor
to remain &c

Thos Hewson
Superintendent

Jas Pollock
Director U S Mint
Philadelphia

From

R. J. Stevens
Supt. Br. Mint
San Francisco
Aug 21, 1861

Post Marked N.Y. Sept 16th

Rec'd Sept 17, 1861

Failure of R. Elder
to supply Br. Mint
with Acid

SAN FRANCISCO, 1861 (CONT.)

This Agreement, made on this Thirteenth day of September, One thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty one

Between

Egbert Judson and J. L. N. Shepard of the City of San Francisco, State of California, parties of the first part, and Robert J. Stevens, Superintendent of the Branch Mint of the United States, situated at the City of San Francisco State aforesaid party of the second part

Witnesseth

That the said Egbert Judson, and J. L. N. Shepard parties of the first part, for the consideration hereinafter named, agree to manufacture, for and supply the U. S. Branch Mint at San Francisco, for the term of three years from the Fourteenth day of September 1861. all acid, which the said Branch Mint may require on the following terms to wit. Nitric or parting acid of 38° strength. (Baume) at Eleven cents per pound, and Sulphuric acid of 60° strength at three and one half cents per pound. The said acids are to be delivered in glass carboys, daily or when required, by the party of the second part, at the said Branch Mint in San Francisco

The said party of the second part on behalf of the United States: in consideration of the above, hereby agrees, that the said Branch Mint shall take and use from the parties of the first part, all the acids required for refining purposes to carry on the operations of the said Branch Mint for the aforesaid term of three years.

The said party of the second part, further agrees on behalf of the United States, to pay or cause to be paid to the said parties of the first part, the aforementioned sum of Eleven cents per pound for all Nitric or parting acid of 38° strength, as aforesaid, and for all Sulphuric acid of 60° strength the sum of three and one half cents per pound.

The said party of the second part further agrees on behalf of the United States. to return, to the parties of the first part, at the doors of the said Branch Mint, the Empty glass carboys, and to allow for the use and repackage of the same, the sum of fifty cents for each carboy.

The said parties of the first part further stipulate and agree, with the said party of the second part simultaneously, with the signing of this contract, they will give a bond in the sum of Twenty Five Thousand dollars, as security for the faithful performance of the stipulations aforesaid on their part; barring the destruction of their Factory by fire or other unforseen or unavoidable casualty or the loss of any Shipment of their raw material, in which latter case the parties of the first part, are Excused from furnishing acid Equal to the amount that could be produced from the raw material lost. In the event of any such casulty, the said parties of the first part, agree to give notice to the Superintendent of the said Branch Mint of their ability or inability to carry out the aforesaid requirements, and continue the necessary supply of acids within as brief a period as the said supply can be obtained from any other source.

The Secretary of the Treasury to provide such means as he may deem Expedient, in the event of a failure to insure to the said Branch Mint a reliable and sufficient supply of acids for the future.

And provided further, that this Contract shall be subject to the ratification of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States.

In Witness Whereof, the said parties hereto, have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written (signed) Egbert Judson (Seal)

In presence of (signed) J. L. N. Shepard (Seal)

Thomas L. Kimball (signed)

L. Schenck (signed) (signed) Robt. J. Stevens (Seal)

Supt. U.S.B. Mint

Cal.

United States of America
Northern District of California

Know all men by these Presents. - That we Egbert Judson and J. L. N. Shepard as principals and C. N. Fellon and Erwin Davis as sureties, all residents of said District, are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America, in the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars ($25.000.00) lawful money of the United States of America, to which payment will and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our and Each of our heirs, Executors and administrators jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our respective seals this Thirteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty one _____

_____ The condition of this obligation is such, that if the above bounden Egbert Judson and J. L. N. Shepard, shall from time to time and at all times hereafter, well and truly Keep observe, fulfill and perform all and every of the conditions, articles, or agreements, which are Contained and specified in the foregoing contract to be Kept observed, fulfilled and performed, by said Egbert Judson and J. L. N. Shepard, as by said Contract, will more fully appear, then this obligation shall be void, but if said Egbert Judson and J. L. N. Shepard Shall not keep observe fulfill, and perform all and Every of the conditions, articles, or agreements of said contract to be kept, observed fulfilled and performed by them, we bind ourselves, our and Each

of our heirs, Executors & administrators jointly and severally, to pay to the United States of America, said sum of Twenty Five thousand dollars ($25000 00) as liquidated stipulated or stated damages, and not as a penalty

Signed Sealed & delivered
In presence of
Cutler McAllister (signed)
U.S. Commis

(signed) Egbert Judson (Seal)
(signed) J. D. N. Shepard (Seal)
(signed) C. N. Felton (Seal)
Erwin Davis (Seal)

State of California
City and County of San Francisco S.S.
C. N. Felton

being duly sworn deposes and says that he is a freeholder in said State of California, and that he is worth the sum of Twenty Five Thousand dollars mentioned in the aforesaid bond as the penalty thereof over and above all his just debts and liabilities Exclusive of property Exempt from Execution. Subscribed and sworn to before me
Sept. 13th 1861

C. N. Felton (signed)

Cutler McAllister (signed)
U.S. Commis

State of California
City and County of San Francisco S. S.
Erwin Davis

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and liabilities Exclusive of property Exempt from Execution.

Subscribed & Sworn to
before me this 13th day
of September A.D. 1861.

Cutter McAllister (signed)
U.S. Comms.

Erwin Davis (signed)

Northern District of California

I hereby Certify that I have made enquiry as to the sufficiency of the Sureties on the foregoing bond and that they are sufficient—

San Francisco September 13. 1861

(signed) Wm H Sharp
U.S. Atty—

I hereby certify that the Sureties to the foregoing Bond are satisfactory to me. Robt. J. Stevens
Supt. U.S. Br. Mint—

San Francisco September 14. 1861 Cal^{a}

"Copy"

Contract
and
Bond

Egbert Judson &
F. L. N. Shepard

with

Robert J. Stevens

Superintendent U.S. Branch Mint

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia Sept 15. 1842

Sir

I have the honor to transmit a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans for the month of July last, and the usual monthly account current of operations at that institution for the same month.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.
James Pollock
Master of the Mint
per R. E. Patterson

Hon. J. C. Spencer,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

To
The Sec Treasury
Washington City

Sept 18/61

Enclosing Report
of Monthly Court
at U.S. Mint
San Francisco

Ley

Treasury Department
Sept. 18. 1861.

Sir

I enclose hereunto for your examination & Report a letter received from Mr. R E Cole dated at S. Francisco on the 27th. of August last and the papers which accompanied it in relation to the contract by Mr. Cole for supplying the Branch Mint at S. Francisco with the 4th. instant.

I am very Respt.
Your
Sec of the Treasury.

Jas. Pollock Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philada.

From Lo

The Sec Treasury

In relation to Bid

of R Eldridge

for carpenting &c

Sept 20. 1861

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia Sept 20. 1861.

Sir.

I have received Your letter of the 18th inst. enclosing for my examination & report a letter from R. E. Cole of San Francisco, in relation to his bid for supplying the Branch Mint in that City with Acids.

Before considering the point presented by Mr. Cole, I deem it proper to make some reference to the "reserve" acids, referred to in his communication. It has been the practice for several Years past to keep on storage, at the Branch Mint Warehouse, from three to five hundred carboys of acids as a reserve to be used in case of the accidental destruction of the Acid Works, and also, to guard against extortion at the expiration of any Contract. In January last, the Supt. (Mr Hempstead,) finding that the old carboys on storage was becoming much damaged, dangerous to be removed, and the acid deteriorating, deemed it prudent to use up the reserve and replace the same with fresh acid. When the Contractors, Messrs Judson Tait &

called upon to furnish 500 carboys acid to replace that which had been used, they declined doing so but express their willingness to furnish the same after the 1st Sept. (1861) at which time their contract expired. When these facts were reported to me I immediately made arrangements to ship 500 carboys of parting acid from this city. Before the acid could be shipped, I received a call from H. P. Coon Esq. of San Francisco, who stated on behalf of Judson & Co. to furnish within 45 days from that date, May 15th last, 300 carboys of nitric & 100 of Sulphuric acid for storage at the Branch Mint, as a reserve supply. Fearing that the contractors might possibly fail to comply with this agreement, I caused 200 carboys of acid to be shipped to the Br. Mint from this city, which is now about due at San Francisco. Messrs Judson & Co. furnished the acid for storage as stipulated by Mr. Coon, which (with that shipped from here, (should the same arrive safely at S. F.) will constitute, with a supply sufficient for three or four months.

I apprised the Supt of the Coon,

agreement the shipments made from here, and at the same time instructed him to invite proposals, by public advertisement, for supplies, for one, two or three years, & send the same through me to You for Your decision. Before my instructions were received however, the Supt had invited Bids for supplies of acid in the usual form. The proposals received were forwarded to You by me on the 16th of July last with the suggestion, that the bid of R. E. Cole, being the lowest received, be accepted, on condition that satisfactory security be given in the sum of $25,000 for the faithful performance of the contract.

Mr Cole's proposal was "to furnish nitric acid and Sulphuric acid to the U. S. Government - to be delivered at the Mint in San Francisco, in such quantities and at such times as may be demanded for the purpose of parting and refining Gold and Silver for the period of three years from and after the 1st Sept. 1861".

The Supt informs me that he had notified Mr Cole that he would be required to comply with his proposal without reference to the Reserve acid

I have no knowledge of any understanding in relation to using the acids in question until the successful bidder would have time to erect acid works, as intimated by Mr. Cole.

If Mr Cole, really designs to erect acid works and can complete them within, say, three months, and obtain within that time, the raw materials used in the manufacture of Nitric acid, viz. Nitrate of Soda, and Sulphur or oil of vitriol, it seems, in my opinion, he will be entitled to the extension asked. The Department might authorize the extension of time, on condition that Mr Cole satisfies the Superintendent and the Special Agent of the Department at San Francisco, on the points above indicated.

In the meantime I think

precaution, to make one or more shipments of nitric or sulfuric acid, from here, and thus keep up the supplies until the [illegible] can be obtained by contract [illegible]

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
[illegible]
Collector of the Customs

Hon S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington [illegible]

[illegible] Please address [illegible]
[illegible] of your decision [illegible]

BRANCH OF THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.

San Francisco, California,

Assayer's Office

19th Sept 1861

Hon Jas Pollock

Director of U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Sir

Herewith please find my bonds. They are filled up later than those of the other officers, partly because there is difficulty in obtaining responsible Sureties, who the Superintendent (who is not required by law to give any bonds whatever) claims the absolute & exclusive control both of appointment & discharge of workmen for whose acts, both by law and instructions the operative officers are responsible in bond, and partly because the present relations of the Superintendent & myself are such as to make me unwilling to submit merely good Sureties, but compel me to submit the very highest kind. Being a comparative stranger in this city, time has been requisite to effect this aim, but it has now been done.

The Superintendent of this Branch of the

Mint, has informed me that he deems himself the Director of this Branch Mint, just as you are the Director of the Philadelphia Institution, & also that he needs to "approve" my bonds; whence I infer that he means to fill up the blank in the printed form of bond, which the law requires that you as Director should complete. Should he do so, if not subsequently rectified by you, the bond would not be valid in law. To prevent any such mutilation, I send to you direct, rather than through the Superintendent.

As you need to certify (or refuse to) that these bonds are to your satisfaction, it is proper that in addition to the District Attorney's Certificate of the ability of my Sureties to pay the penalty of the bond, I should appraise you of who my Sureties are

Mr Flint is a member of the firm of Flint Peabody & Co, which is one of the oldest most stable & respectable business firms of this City. Apart from his business, Mr Flint is independently wealthy, & is well known to Wm E. Dubois Esq (Asst. Assayer of your Mint) to be entirely responsible.

Mr Goddard is a principal active

partner in one of the most extensive iron foundries & machine works upon this Coast, in which establishment Lea & P Rankin, Collector of this Port, is also a partner. His name is given after Consultation with his partners

The amount of the Assayer's bonds, is fixed by law at Five Thousand Dollars, but by giving two distinct bonds for that amount, I have made it Ten Thousand Dollars. Section 3 of the act establishing this Branch of the Mint, only requires bonds which shall be satisfactory to the Director of the Mint & Secretary of the Treasury. The amount of those bonds is not therein determined, but Sect 5 of the same act, gives Sect 6 of the General Mint Law (being "applicable") "full force" in relation to this Branch of the Mint, which Section determines the amount of the bonds to be Five Thousand Dollars, and may be given jointly by the assayer with either one or more sureties. I have chosen to submit "more" than one, although upon two distinct bonds, the reason for which the Secretary of the Treasury is apprised of. No better objection to this distinctness of bonds for the two sureties can be raised, than that it is not customary, & the U.S. District Judge (J. Ogden Hoffman) says that either

form is equally binding

Regretting that the ex parte & erroneous statements which have reached you, respecting my views claims & conduct, should in any degree have impaired your confidence in me, & hoping always at least to merit your esteem

I have the honor to be
With the highest respect
Your most obt. Servt.
Conrad Wegand
Assayer

Oct 21. 62

Sir

The two Official Bonds of Your-self $5000 each, as Assayer of the Branch Mint, San Francisco, enclosed in Your letter of the 15th inst. have received my approval and have transmitted to the Treasury Department.

Very Respectfully,
A. Pollock
Director of the Mint

Conrad Wiegand Esq.
Assayer &c. Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

Transfd
Conrad Wiegand
Assayer Br Mint
San Francisco
Calf.

Official Bond
rec'd approved
and transmitted
to the Department

Oct 21. 1861.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Sept. 23. 1861.

Sir,

I received by the last mail from Cal:, the enclosed Official Bonds, of John M. Eckfeldt, as "Assistant Coiner", and Adolphus Smoly, as "Assistant Melter & Refiner" of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco.

The act of July 3d 1852, establishing the Branch Mint, makes no provision for the appointment of Officers or Assistants of the above grade, unless authority therefor be found in the 5th Section, which provides, "that all the laws and part of laws now in force for the regulation of the Mint of the United States, and for the government of the Officers and persons employed therein" &c "shall be, and they are hereby, declared to be in full force in relation to the Branch of the Mint by this Act established, so far as the same may be applicable thereto." By the 3d Section of the General Mint Law, the Director of the Mint is authorized "to appoint with the approbation of the President, Assistant, to the Assayer, Melter & Refiner, Chief Coiner and Engraver, whenever on representation made by the Director to the President, it shall be the opinion of the President that such Assistants

are necessary. If the 2d section of the Act establishing the Branch Mints gives the Superintendent the same authority in relation to appointing Assistants, as given to the Director of the Mint, by the 3d section of the general Mint Law, (Act of January 18th. 1837,) then the appointments in question are proper, but they are subject to the approval of the President. These persons perform highly responsible duties, and their services are necessary for the safe and proper despatch of business, in the respective departments of the Branch Mint in which they are employed.

In case you decide that there is no authority of law for the appointment of an "Assistant Coiner" and "Assistant Melter & Refiner" of the Branch Mint, the persons attached as such may be considered as Assistants to their respective principals & their official Bonds given as such.

I desire also, to call your attention to the official oath attached to the Bonds, which differs materially from the form of the oath of allegiance required by the late Act of Congress.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very Respectfully Your Ob. Svt.

Hon. S. P. Chase,

Secretary of the Treasury

To
The Sec Treasury

Enclosing Official
Bonds of John M.
Eckfeldt Asst. M & R
Pr. Mint San Francisco
and Adolphus Smedy
asst. Coiner
Also authority of
Supt to appoint
above persons

Sept. 23. 1861

U. S. Branch Mint
San Francisco Sep. 25 18[illegible]

Hon. James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Phila.

Sir

Mr Stevens (the Supt. of this Branch) has desired me to give bonds in the amount of $5000. for the faithful performance of my duties as Asst. Assayer.

Being almost an entire stranger in this city I asked him if bonds approved by you, would be satisfactory to him. He replied in the affirmative. I have therefore written to friends in Phila requesting them to consult with you in order to ascertain your wish with respect to the form and amount of the bonds, and to furnish you, if it can be done without my signature, with the proper papers for your approval.

Mr Weigand (the Assayer) requests me to enclose under cover with this, a letter to you from him, which, he informs me, has reference to my position here, and the matter of my bonds.

He expresses the opinion that it is not improbable you may after considering his letter deem it unnecessary for me as Assistant to give the same amount of bonds which the law

requires of the principal. In view of this opinion, I have thought it wisest, not to indicate to my friends the exact sum which will need to be inserted in the bonds, but have as above intimated, referred them to you for certain information upon all the points involved.

Trusting that my action in this matter will meet your approval, and that there is no impropriety in my begging the favor of an early consideration of the subject

I am with sincere respect
Your Obedient Servant
Benjamin S Martin

Know all,
Conrad Wiegand Esq
Assayer Br. Mint
San Francisco,
Cal.a

Bond of Benj. F. Martin
Assistant Assayer,
William Budd
of Phil.a as Surety

Oct 19, 1861

BRANCH OF THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Copy

San Francisco, California

Assayer's Office

3th Aug 1861

Hon James Pollock

Director of U.S. Mint

Sir

By reference to Sect 3 of the General Mint Law, you will find that provision is there made for the appointment of Assistants to the Assayer, Melter & Refiner, Chief Coiner &c.

The original reference doubtless was to the Phila Mint officers, but the same necessity exists for those Assistants in this Branch of the Mint, which exists in Phila. This necessity moreover has been recognized for more than six years, by detailing one of the workmen of each department to perform the duties of Assistant, and six years ago I even ventured to write the title of "Assistant Assayer" after the name of Jos. H. Snyder, (who afterwards superseded me) as the workman to whom I assigned some of the duties which properly belong to such an officer, since which time there has been a set of pseudo-Assistants in this Mint, who are in fact workmen, & as such are paid wages, but in name are officers, but without any office having been legally created; hence there has been no oath of office, bonds &c, till Supt. Stevens, believing the office had

been legally created, & that the so called assistants were bona fide officers, required of them bonds & directed them to take an oath of office. You may rely upon it, I have herein given you the origin of the "Assistantships" of this Mint.

The law (See Sect. 5 & 6 of the general Mint Law) requires the assistants to ~~give bonds~~ take an oath of office (Sect. 3 having prescribed the legal mode of creating the office) & makes it optional with you to require bonds of them also, as well as to determine the amount of those bonds. No oath of office can properly be taken till that office has been legally created, & I hereby solicit at your hands, as the only competent authority to do so, the Creation of the office of Assistant Assayer, and the appointment of Benj. I. Martin Esq to fill it. If you have any doubts respecting the solidity of these views, I would respectfully request that you submit the question to the Secretary of the Treasury. To facilitate an examination of the subject I submit the following

In the act establishing a Branch Mint in California, (See Page 36 of Mint Law Pamphlet) while there is provision made for the appointment of principal officers, clerks, subordinate workmen & servants (See Sect. 2) there is no specific provision for the appointment of "Assistants"

to the principal officers, & hence the Supt. (who has no powers whatever except those conferred upon him by law, altho' he assumes others) has no power to appoint such officers; but Sect. 5 of that act, (Page 38) gives Sect. 3 of the General Mint Law, "full force" "in relation to the Branch of the Mint "by this act established", because it is "applicable" I believe that "the Director" is here spoken of, not (as is sometimes the case in the Genl. Mint Law as in Sect 4) as a local Supt. of the Phila. Mint, but in his higher capacity, as Director of the entire Mint, in all its subdivisions or branches.

Beside, nominating Mr Martin for the office to be created, I also respectfully request that you obtain the approbation of the President to his appointment, & that the amount of Mr Martin's bonds be made at least half that required by law of the Assayer - that is - at not less than $2500., according to Sect. 5 of the General Mint Law, & agreeably to the requisitions of Sect 3 of the California Mint Law for officers, which, please observe, specially mentions "the Director" & not "the Superintendent" of this Branch in connexion with bonds, thereby lending weight to a strict construction of the wording of Sect 3

of the General Mint Law, & fixing the appointment of Assistants to this Branch upon the Director as such, rather than upon the Supt. of this Branch, by inference from parity of relation between yourself to the principal Mint, & him to this establishment.

"Mr Martin is well known to the assayers of both the Phila Mint & N.Y. Assay office, as thoroughly competent to fill the post, & is more so than any other available person I can name, & is besides an intimate friend & desirable official associate for me. He is now by appointment of Supt. Stevens nominally an "assistant", & the force of my request is therefore, that you will change his status from that of a workman to that of an officer, for which there are besides the reasons already named the following.

1. As a workman, he will be liable to be discharged by the Supt., or his pay to be reduced by him. My personal relations with the Supt. unfortunately are such, as to make it prudent that no one in whom I feel any especial interest, should be needlessly within his power

2. Gentlemen of proper qualification, social standing, & high personal character, no less than their principals, object to being

mere workmen whose retention & compensation is of so uncertain a nature.

3. As workmen, (tho' overwork) official Assistants in this Mint, have, in times past, drawn more pay than their principal officers. The recurrence of this impropriety will be rendered impossible, by converting their present pay (#8.- per day) into a Salary of #2500 a year, which is #4. a year less than the amount of normal wages. There should be no temptation on the part of any officer to have overtime made in any department, but the contrary; & it is grossly unjust, to deny men pay for overtime, when as "subordinate workmen" they earn it, which is the only other remedy.

4. It is necessary, in order to prevent the "officer" from being laughing stock for the "workmen" who are paid at the same time & upon the same roll with him.

The other operative officers of this Mint, desire the same favor at your hands for their Assistants, if you decide to endorse my views, the best evidence of which I suppose would be the issuance of a Commission by you, with a form of bond for Mr Martin to fill up. Very Respectfully Yours

Conrad Hiegand assayer

Copy 19. 1.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th. ult. enclosing a copy of a communication addressed by you to me, under date of the 6th. of August last, which has come to hand.

I have enclosed to the Superintendent, a Bond, for Mr Martin to execute. It is required by Section Fifteen of this Act, to be executed, when, and such, as to satisfactory to him.

The question of having there, in every [illegible] Office, your instruction approved by the President of the United States, was submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury upon receipt of the Bonds of the Assistant Comptroller, and Assistant Auditor. The former were received, & I have not yet had a Bond from the Secretary, on the

meantime, I deem it proper to let Mr. Martin's appointment take the same course as the other assistant

say that proper discipline and subordination renders it necessary, that all communications of an official character, addressed to me or the Department, by the Officers of your Branch of Service, should be forwarded through the Superintendent.

I regret exceedingly the want of harmony that exists between You and the Superintendent. The difference existing between You should if possible, be reconciled. You should not, at all events, be permitted to interfere with the transaction of business in the usual form and according to the regulations and instructions in force.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obt. Servt.

A. Pollock

Director of Mint

Conrad Weigand Esq.

Assayer Philadelphia

BRANCH OF THE MINT OF THE UNITED STATES.

San Francisco, California,

Assayer's Office

24 September 1861.

James Pollock Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Phila.da

Sir

News has just reached me that a letter addressed by me to you bearing date of Aug 5th has not carried safely. Altho' there is not the same pressing necessity for me to secure your action in the premises that there then seemed to be, still there is sufficient interest in the case to warrant me in forwarding you a copy, & to solicit your judgment & action upon it.

It would be much more agreeable to me to be able to communicate with you through the Supt. (because the more natural method) but, as he has suppressed, so far as lay in his power, the only defence which I made of my official action, when that defence was placed in his hands on purpose to be forwarded through you to the Department at Washington

& as he has, regardless alike of the suggestions of propriety & the dictates of honor refused to acquaint me with the manifold charges which I am morally sure he has preferred against me, I feel unwilling to trust him any further than is absolutely necessary, as in this case it is not.

Yesterday, I forwarded to you my bonds, by mail, under cover to my father, John Wiegand, Presidt. of the Western Savings Fund Society of Phila. Should the form of the bond not be satisfactory, my father, at your instance, would doubtless (to save time) furnish new bonds in such form as will be satisfactory, & my oath of office, as certified to by Judge Hoffman I suppose is binding, altho' it could easily be repeated

With the highest respect
Your Most Obt. Servt.
Conrad Wiegand
Assayer

Unpaid Deposits
Oct. 1861

Branch Mint
San Francisco
Oct 31 1861

E. M.

Unpaid Deposits
Oct. 1861

E. H.

Unpaid Deposits October 31st 1861.

Nos	Amts		Nos	Amount		Nos	Amount		Nos.	Amount		Nos	Amount.	
	1854			1860		Amt Brot Forward			Amt Brot Forward.			Amt Brot Forward.		
3016	1423	96	362	563	28		$ 7390	05		$ 21.796	89		$ 149.948	51
	1855		418	2587	75	2854	205	79	3468	3.537	90	3500	5652	40
5337	864	67	1076	2008	97	2943	326	21	69	3880	82	1	2393	15
5965	972	17	1118	491	74	2964	1246	77	3470	1226	49	2	1028	54
8163	391	78	1876	3710	76	3033	169	11	71	10.860	40	3	723	37
	$ 2228	62	1877	2684	02	3056	1154	88	72	4181	28	4	752	37
	1856		1878	1374	71	3077	1186	85	73	5480	90	5	1189	50
2845	671	19	2052	11831	08	3123	1687	56	74	981	97	6	349	01
12014	458	23	2272	1543	47	3165	1717	97	75	4391	13	7	487	82
12059	733	31	2274	907	63	3167	578	77	76	424	91	8	510	69
13110	127	87	2319	552	58	3201	579	41	77	589	41	9	2975	24
	$ 1990	60	2658	952	15	3218	4820	96	78	1039	56	3510	1548	60
	1857		2708	162	06	3221	285	16	79	976	64	11	462	64
1841	1300	62		$ 29370	20	3242	1314	33	3480	6219	15	12	400	44
2242	1727	50	1st Qr.	1861		3274	1043	07	81	122	23	13	202	14
4034	5792	81	623	893	32		$ 23.706	89	82	319	33	14	243	09
4266	536	97	739	954	61	4th Qr.	1861		83	310	18	15	953	50
	$ 9357	90	784	263	02	3304	1738	24	84	2814	53	16	282	44
	1858.			$ 2110	95	3344	880	92	85	840	94	17	1247	20
2891	800	75	2nd Qr.	1861		3346	194	47	86	125	07	18	434	51
3035	333	27	1155	3578	30	3381	537	63	87	1723	15	19	1873	73
3259	2699	08	1830	1304	14	3445	1775	08	88	30.734	20	3520	322	14
4328	1187	70		$ 4882	44	3457	2667	32	89	31.012	44	21	662	70
	$ 5020	80	3d Qr.	1861		58	1699	33	3490	336	86	22	702	33
	1859		2112	1051	73	59	2424	26	91	1079	55	23	1391	51
17	194	14	2125	1274	44	3460	1084	45	92	1976	33	24	115	72
2262	309	11	2142	386	66	61	413	96	93	6341	17	25	287	65
3682	495	25	2438	552	36	62	2018	63	94	498	87	26	4083	48
4033	236	64	2449	564	17	63	1263	44	95	1146	71	27	7398	94
	$ 1235	14	2524	446	86	64	907	75	96	2239	27	28	480	04
			2563	246	45	65	3644	91	97	925	48	29	335	11
			2715	494	63	66	393	20	98	1307	16	3530	15.202	07
			2768	2372	75	67	153	30	99	507	59	31	496	52
				$ 7390	05		$ 21.796	89		$ 149.948	51		$ 205.137	10

Unpaid Deposits October 31st 1861.

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Amt Brot Forward.			Amt Brot Forward			Amt Brot Forward.			Amt Brot Forward.			Amt Brot Forward.		
	$ 205.	137 10		$ 379.	822 89		$ 529.	145 34		$ 579.	514 37		$ 651.	789 52
3532	277	76	3564	411	78	3596	1363	95	3628	2630	74	3660	123	49
33	1115	25	65	286	22	97	1929	47	29	1427	31	61	6064	59
34	119	51	66	1240	83	98	372	20	3630	2205	83		$ 657.	977 60
35	11.237	49	67	117	68	99	1040	02	31	1588	70	Unpaid Silver Deposits		
36	943	36	68	855	76	3600	131	90	32	3148	82	Nos	Amounts	
37	4800	42	69	2596	40	1	823	88	33	12.214	32	282	2311	82
38	1148	53	3570	291	52	2	256	82	34	8.180	02	3	100	58
39	23.175	43	71	1666	78	3	168	28	35	305	01	4	2829	03
3540	16.420	77	72	780	33	4	275	54	36	612	77	5	337	93
41	17.823	84	73	6985	93	5	1013	78	37	4611	22	6	1403	00
42	23.431	22	74	336	80	6	107	03	38	2302	35	7	2139	04
43	5378	18	75	22.826	91	7	337	84	39	732	78	8	523	78
44	4720	39	76	22.673	00	8	880	68	3640	356	17	9	336	34
45	4920	90	77	22.981	63	9	6219	29	41	3353	21	290	1090	91
46	1050	63	78	16.215	53	3610	537	36	42	799	86	1	9655	64
47	21.075	84	79	15.930	92	11	1245	83	43	612	48	2	2644	97
48	626	99	3580	5829	55	12	573	26	44	6740	39	3	2528	42
49	1141	28	81	724	91	13	1882	93	45	1751	90	4	2895	20
3550	1953	99	82	4848	20	14	2210	06	46	3422	10	5	2716	24
51	6339	66	83	3031	04	15	601	94	47	244	26	6	4571	28
52	2	45	84	654	65	16	1326	20	48	678	68	7	1545	42
53	1362	97	85	5253	27	17	283	82	49	300	33	8	996	40
54	950	67	86	3051	76	18	16.631	19	3650	151	75	9	337	90
55	222	79	87	1011	68	19	1.887	18	51	5399	88	300	1575	23
56	1136	93	88	325	65	3620	240	26	52	1027	79	1	160	58
57	129	77	89	693	96	21	699	48	53	1520	15	2	33	73
58	1001	91	3590	348	35	22	202	92	54	501	71	3	437	49
59	360	14	91	2691	60	23	2899	30	55	335	31	4	4700	37
3560	7458	46	92	815	78	24	1314	04	56	1098	39	5	607	78
61	1198	06	93	1267	07	25	1816	01	57	1127	46	6	110	52
62	11.007	71	94	2102	89	26	667	93	58	1157	53	7	257	94
63	1952	49	95	504	07	27	428	64	59	1755	93	8	2054	44
	$ 379.	822 89		$ 529.	145 34		$ 579.	514 37		$ 651.	789 52		$ 48.	901 98

Unpaid Deposits October 31st 1861.

Nos	Amounts		Nos.	Amount.	
Amount brot forward	48.901	98	Amt. Brot. Forward.	78980	74
309	2057	92	326	980	66
310	3174	04	7	982	74
1	1057	19	8	2083	69
2	313	57	9	181	34
3	141	24	330	2472	61
4	7848	94	1	368	93
5	2498	59	2	651	02
6	2582	13	3	2446	73
7	3614	00	4	7089	28
8	101	28	5	676	77
9	345	48	6	446	31
320	437	11	7	878	76
1	146	96	8	915	03
2	252	86	9	250	98
3	2459	72	340	2524	93
4	2490	63	341	5329	86
5	557	10	342	202	89
$	78980	74	$	107.463	27

Recapitulation

1854.		$ 1423.96
1855.		2228.69
1856.		1990.60
1857.		9357.90
1858.		5020.80
1859.		1235.14
1860.		29.370.20
1861	1st Quarter	2110.95
1861	2d Quarter	4882.44
1861	3d Quarter	23.706.89
1861	4 Quarter	657.977.60
	Gold.	739.305.10
	Silver.	107.463.27
	Total.	846.768.37

Branch Mint of the United States
Superintendents Office.
San Francisco California.
November 16th 1861.

Sir.

Accompanying please find Statement of Unpaid Deposits on the 31st day of October 1861. Amounting in the aggregate to the sum of Eight hundred and forty six thousand Seven hundred and sixty eight Dollars and thirty seven cents.

$ 846.768.37

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt.

Wm J Stevens
Superintendent.

Hon.le James Pollock.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.
Pen.

San Francisco

Unpaid Deposits

Nov. 1861

Unpaid Deposits Nov 30. 1861

Nos	Amts	Nos	Amts	Nos	Amts	Nos	Amts	Nos	Amts
	1854	Amt Brot up		Amt Brot up		Amt Brot up		Amt Brot up	
3016	$ 1423 96		3063 99		$ 14752 30		$ 41077 26		$ 156420 62
	1855	1876	3710 76	3242	1314 83	3815	349 81	3847	2671 90
5337	864 67	1877	2684 02	3274	1043 07	16	1470 26	48	1078 34
5965	972 17	1878	1374 71		$ 12109 70	17	196 99	49	1083 46
8163	391 78	2052	11831 08	4th qu	1861	18	1749 19	3850	1069 05
	$ 2228 62	2272	1543 47	3304	1738 24	19	20404 15	51	448 94
	1856	2274	907 63	3346	194 47	3820	3090 12	52	6761 22
2845	671 19	2319	552 58	3457	2667 32	21	952 21	53	328 44
12014	458 23	2658	952 15	3479	976 64	22	668 32	54	444 55
12059	733 31	2708	162 06	3490	336 86	23	350 15	55	294 01
13110	122 87		$ 26782 45	3517	1247 20	24	624 16	56	845 15
	$ 1990 60	1st qu	1861	3563	1952 49	25	1043 35	57	913 60
	1857	623	893 32	3564	411 78	26	1556 22	58	34801 01
1841	1000 62	739	954 61	3571	1666 78	27	2471 26	59	3452 92
4034	5792 81	784	2603 02	3605	1013 78	28	1951 18	3861	313 46
4266	536 97		$ 2110 95	3608	880 68	29	1309 22	61	3312 72
	$ 7630 40	2nd qu	1861	3652	1027 79	3880	8951 33	62	3559 01
	1858	1830	1304 14	3702	281 18	31	3554 60	63	32601 62
2891	800 75	3rd qu	1864	3754	139 89	32	3536 14	64	3588 24
3035	333 27	2112	1051 78	3772	1046 47	33	1094 83	65	220 66
3259	2699 08	2142	386 66	3776	1176 08	34	613 64	66	476 99
4328	1187 70	2438	5522 36	3779	1045 74	35	4796 45	67	1929 33
	$ 5020 80	2449	564 17	3781	1959 88	36	762 86	68	1634 04
	1859	2524	446 86	3788	1249 96	37	433 39	69	22553 32
17	194 14	2943	326 21	3800	102 51	38	646 45	3870	2470 77
2262	309 11	2964	1246 77	3807	481 84	39	1264 90	71	255 22
3682	495 25	3038	169 11	8	2975 54	3840	542 81	72	2210 68
4038	236 64	3046	1154 88	9	3199 71	41	161 47	73	3558 09
	1235 14	3077	1186 85	3810	2858 05	42	20559 19	74	1335 30
	1860	3123	1687 56	11	3178 39	43	24680 58	75	2423 38
362	563 28	3167	578 77	12	3253 34	44	2333 88	76	8926 03
1076	2008 97	3201	579 41	13	1234 83	45	4362 89	77	296 63
1118	491 74	3218	4820 96	14	25-1232	46	4742 86	78	891 04
	$ 5063 99		$ 14752 30		$ 41077 26		$ 156420 62		$ 201595 01

Unpaid Deposits Nov. 30, 1861

Nos	Amts	Nos	Amts	Nos	Amts	Nos	Amts	Nos	Amts
Amt Brot Ovd		Amt Brot up'd		Amt Brot up'd		Amt Brot up'd		Amt Brot up'd	
$ 201.595.01		$ 267.280.11		$ 312.290.49		$ 378.304.22		$ 532.991.81	
2879	1042 79	3911	502 51	3943	156.60	3975	12.911.44	4007	75 30 44
80	6051 38	12	2723 38	44	327 76	76	3666 57	8	425 38
81	14840 41	13	172 68	45	2028 51	77	5333 74	9	208 49
82	453 26	14	4146 44	46	1734 90	78	19.238.68	4010	262 66
83	1707 67	15	111 84	47	1044 83	79	1245.76	11	1574 16
84	1845 95	16	1466 71	48	1040 51	3980	2435 33	12	577 50
85	381 21	17	120 05	49	1178 89	81	845 57	13	985 31
86	423 58	18	434 90	3950	1741 42	82	605 01	14	724 15
87	268 82	19	2143 67	51	1959 19	83	6032 36	15	8926 09
88	7164 82	3920	2192 00	52	1929 46	84	185 79	16	536 65
89	139 94	21	132 00	53	1814 51	85	749 76	17	378 99
3890	2332.07	22	3541 47	54	1553 22	86	4386 33	18	193 72
91	3734 96	23	470 19	55	1774 80	87	3168.87	19	2421.54
92	97 03	24	1442 71	56	4855 33	88	1665 63	4020	7338 19
93	477 82	25	8871 92	57	1898 54	89	5916 94	21	709 60
94	2444 66	26	257 24	58	2099 52	3990	7421 69	22	529 91
95	885 81	27	3935 78	59	4822 01	91	11.192.53	23	541 07
96	155 34	28	385 88	3960	811 62	92	567 30	24	328 60
97	1068 60	29	1044 71	61	782 23	93	3215 52	25	8836 94
98	710 82	3930	678 06	62	2784 67	94	866 22	26	8080 99
99	321 73	31	220 08	63	523.20	95	288 07	27	869 25
3900	4461 99	32	1843 48	64	253 00	96	1756.86	28	739 62
1	368 57	33	169 60	65	6397 89	97	1314 47	29	1588 95
2	3376 91	34	1845 34	66	896 05	98	2411 00	4030	206 43
3	219 50	35	1342 04	67	1860 61	99	3063 07	31	458 37
4	968 18	36	1878 56	68	108 88	4000	256 13	32	4251 49
5	780 58	37	395 51	69	852 43	1	47.600.30	33	3448 34
6	6037 70	38	1065 14	3970	244 24	2	1848 61	34	5267 77
7	864 48	39	943 19	71	829 84	3	863 16	35	1004 44
8	644 65	3940	189 74	72	1550 901	4	2291 07	36	1452 18
9	632 03	41	1558 53	73	2048 82	5	2252 53	$ 6033 8896	
3910	501 84	42	268 03	74	1155 04	6	1102 08		
$ 267.280.11		$ 312.290.49		$ 378.304.22		$ 532.991.81			

Silver Deposits

Nos	Amts	
386	6465.	32
7	123	68
8	4888.	81
9	7564	86
390	264	11
1	4541	32
2	284	99
3	2134	21
4	2392	36
#	28658	46

Recapitulation

		#
	1854	1423.96
	1855	2228.62
	1856	1991.61
	1857	7631.40
	1858	5121.81
	1859	1285.14
	1860	26,782 45
1st qr	1861	2111.95
2d "	"	1304.14
3d "	"	17109.70
4th "	"	
		# 698.388.96

Gold ——— 670.225.72
Silver ——— # 28658.46
Total ——— # 698.884.18

Superintendants Office U.S.B. Mint
San Francisco Calf Dec 1861

Sir

Accompanying please find statement of unpaid Deposits on the 30th day of November 1861 amounting in the aggregate to the sum of Six hundred and ninety Eight thousand, Eight hundred and Eighty four & 18/100 dollars.

(# 698.884.18)

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Robt J Stevens
Superintendant

To Gov. James Pollock
Director of the mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Unpaid Deposits
Br. mt.
San Francisco
Dec. 31. 1861

Unpaid Deposits Dec 31 1861

Nos	Amts	Nos	Amts	Nos	Amts	Nos	Amts	Nos	Amts
	1854	Amt Brt up'd		4th go 1861		Amt Brt up'd		Amt Brt up'd	
3016	142396		306399	3304	173824		432175		986452
	1855	1876	37110 76	3479	97664	4161	319058	4192	329225
5337	86467	1877	26840 2	3491	33686	61	184311	93	327597
5965	97217	1878	18747 1	3517	124720	62	119056	94	25051 18
8163	39178	2052	11,851 08	3605	101378	63	64364	95	38181
	222862	2272	15437	3608	88068	64	153025	96	198185
	1856	2274	90763	3652	102779	65	29924	97	101325
2845	67119	2319	55258	3779	104574	66	113667	98	144640
12014	45823	2658	95215	3781	195988	67	39577	99	2629398
12159	73331	2708	16206	3870	247077	68	28392	4200	623016
13110	12787		2678245	3914	96818	69	76851	1	38513
	199060	3rd go 1861		3915	11184	4170	961446	2	1014272
	1857	623	89332	3925	887192	71	211567	3	73325
1841	130062	739	95461	3935	134204	72	39644	4	22600
4034	579281	784	26312	3979	124576	73	25810	5	67296
4266	53697		211095	4013	98531	74	81398	6	25902
	76040	2nd go 1861		4036	145218	75	22681	7	33647
	1858	1830	1311414	4042	65412	76	11104	8	94265
2891	80075	3rd go 1861		4058	278833	77	61397	9	95963
3035	33327	2142	38666	4113	27974	78	164568	4210	39645
3259	269908	2438	55236	4115	11518	79	179551	11	49992
4328	118770	2449	56417	4123	114524	4181	121209	12	67123
	502080	2524	44686	4128	96894	81	124966	13	335867
	1859	2943	32621	4133	12127	82	32196	14	96228
17	19414	3033	16911	4135	41974	83	129265	15	27971
2262	30911	3056	115488	4137	72181	84	57481	16	301802
3682	49523	3077	118685	4139	38218	85	92690	17	36871
4033	23664	3123	168756	4143	394639	86	29392	18	299475
	122514	3201	57941	4146	199178	87	53141	19	29650
	1861	3218	482096	4156	82757	88	86884	4220	18890
362	56328	3242	131433	4157	17755	89	14955	21	641445
1076	211897		1318936	4158	10115	4191	171129	22	46331
1118	49174			4159	90182	91	56948	23	23976
	316399				432175		986452		1865307

Unpaid Deposits Dec 31. 1861

Nos	Amts	Nos	Amts
Amt Brought	$ 186.533.07	Amt Brought	$ 256.570.32
4224	148 55	4256	460 13
25	467 61	57	297 10
26	3368 27	58	3436 72
27	194 07	59	401 73
28	2318 49	4260	2170 11
29	431 36	61	1981 85
4230	344 19	62	1427 41
31	763 18	63	1314 56
32	10.071 72	64	641 73
33	3998 28	65	1222 70
34	596 62	66	389 10
35	4544 52	67	1341 62
36	5113 66	68	535 72
37	912 37	69	47.372 81
38	192 83	4270	562 09
39	780 93	71	1013 22
4240	3513 02	72	12.823 86
41	977 68	73	971 42
42	3882 62	74	1146 57
43	178 42	75	12.653 49
44	5680 99	76	34980 38
45	574 19		$ 383.902 44
46	1760 62		
47	3631 92		
48	5863 72		
49	2218 16		
4250	2113 77		
51	1514 70		
52	1641 78		
53	906 26		
54	612 88		
55	541 10		
	$ 565.701 32		

Unpaid Coins Deposits

Nos	Amts
4311	1552 84
1	1264 87
2	1373 55
3	3882 45
4	3346 59
5	3416 94
6	1223 08
7	2635 64
8	3274 50
9	1826 68
4410	576 68
1	1165 54
2	2217 97
3	671 82
4	762 70
5	2920 46
6	2618 77
7	1458 46
8	2210 10
9	3611 38
4510	8873 91
1	2877 04
2	3057 26
3	325 84
	$ 53.784.07

Recapitulation

		$
	1854	1423.96
	1855	2228.62
	1856	19911.60
	1857	76301.40
	1858	50120.80
	1859	12355.14
	1860	26,782.45
1st qr	1861	2110.95
2 " "	"	1314.14
3 " "	"	13,189.36
4th "	"	383,902.44
	Gold	$ 446.818.86
	Silver	53.784.07
	Total	$ 500.602.93

Superintendents Office U.S.B. Mint
San Francisco Calᵃ January 11th 1862

Sir

Accompanying please find Statement of unpaid deposits on the 31st day of December 1861 amounting in the aggregate to the Sum of Five Hundred Thousand, Six Hundred and two 93/100 Dollars ($500.602.93)

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent

To
Gov James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Condition of
Branch Mint
San Francisco
Oct. 1861

STATEMENT

OF THE CONDITION OF

The Branch Mint at San Francisco, at the close of the Month of October 1861

COINAGE ACCOUNT, DR.

Balance in the Treasury at the close of the month of September, as per Statement rendered,		$ 142,587.53
Total means for the month,	G. $ 1,130,000.00 / S. $ 109,000.00	$ 1239,000.00
Assay Coins of 1860 - restored		4,618.55
		$ 1,386,206.08

COINAGE ACCOUNT, CR.

Gold paid for during the month,		$ 1,038,896.50
Silver do do do (Profits of Sept. transferred)		7,637.72
		$ 232,672.28
Balance, (Assay Coins)	G. $ 102,588.08 / S. $ 4,000.00	411.50
		$ 106,588.08
		$ 1,386,206.08

BULLION ACCOUNT, DR.

Deposits assayed, but not demanded,	G. $ 739,305.10 / S. $ 107,463.27	$ 846,768.37
do unassayed and uncalculated,	G. $ ..... / S. $	$
Estimated amount due to private depositors,		$ 846,768.37
Add debt to U. S. for Bullion Fund,		$ 500,000.00
Total debt on Bullion Account,		$ 1,346,768.37
Deduct Balance in the Treasury, as above,		$ 106,588.08
Difference, ~~being Bullion in course of manufacture~~,	G. $ ..... / S. $	$ 1,240,180.29

Branch Mint U. S. at San Francisco,
Treasurer's Office, Nov. 13th 1861

D. M. Cheesman Treasurer.

STATEMENT

OF THE CONDITION OF

The Branch Mint at San Francisco, at the close of the Month of November 1861

COINAGE ACCOUNT, DR.

Balance in the Treasury at the close of the month of October, as per Statement rendered,		$ 106,588.08
Total means for the month,	G. $ 1305.000.00 / S. $ 129.000.000	$ 1,434,000.00
		$ $1.540.588.08

COINAGE ACCOUNT, CR.

Gold paid for during the month,		$ 1.115.769.97
Silver do do do (October Profits Transferred)		6.549.36
		$ 221.188.78
(assay Coins)		488.00
Balance,	G. $ 182.591.97 / S. $ 14.000.000	$ 196.591.97
		$ $1.540.588.08

BULLION ACCOUNT, DR.

Deposits assayed, but not demanded,	G. $ 614.175.43 / S. $ 6.463.32	$ 620.638.75
do unassayed and uncalculated,	G. $ 56.052.29 / S. $ 22.193.14	$ 78.245.43
Estimated amount due to private depositors,		$ 698.884.18
Add debt to U. S. for Bullion Fund,		$ 500.000.00
Total debt on Bullion Account,		$ 1198.884.18
Deduct Balance in the Treasury, as above,		$ 196.591.97
Difference, ~~being Bullion in course of manufacture,~~	G. $ / S. $	$ $1.002.292.21

Branch Mint U. S. at San Francisco,
Treasurer's Office, Dec 12 1861

D Maheen & Co Treasurer.

Condition of Branch
Mint. San Francisco
Nov. 1861

STATEMENT

OF THE CONDITION OF

The Branch Mint at San Francisco, at the close of the Month of November **1861**

COINAGE ACCOUNT, DR.

Balance in the Treasury at the close of the month of October, as per Statement rendered, - - - - - - - - $ 106,588.08

Total means for the month, { G. $ 1305.000.00 / S. $ 129.000.00 } - - - $ 1,434,000.00

$ $1.540.588.08

COINAGE ACCOUNT, CR.

Gold paid for during the month, - - - - - - - - $ 1.115.769.97

October Profits Transferred 6.549.36

Silver do do do - - - - - - - - $ 221.188.78

488.00

Balance, { G. $ 182.591.97 / S. $ 14.000.000 } assay Coins - - - - - - - $ 196.591.97

$ $1.540.588.08

BULLION ACCOUNT, DR.

Deposits assayed, but not demanded, { G. $ 614.175.443 / S. $ 6.463.32 } - - $ 620.638.75

do unassayed and uncalculated, { G. $ 56.052.29 / S. $ 22.193.14 } - - $ 78.245.43

Estimated amount due to private depositors, - - - - - $ 698.884.18

Add debt to U. S. for Bullion Fund, - - - - - - $ 500.000.00

Total debt on Bullion Account, - $ 1198.884.18

Deduct Balance in the Treasury, as above, - - - - - $ 196.591.97

Difference, ~~being Bullion in course of manufacture,~~ { G. $ ..... / S. $ ..... } $ $1.002.292.21

Branch Mint U. S. at San Francisco,
Treasurer's Office, Dec 12 1861

D Maheen Treasurer.

No 3

Condition of
Branch Mint
San Francisco
Nov. 1861

Branch Mint of the United States.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

San Francisco, Janʸ 10th 1861

Sir

Herewith please find "corrected Copy" of Statement of Branch Mint, at close of November — a small discrepancy was discovered subsequent to the forwarding of the original, which has been corrected in the enclosed "Copy"

Very Respectfully

Henry Baker

for the Treasurer

To

R. J. Stevens Esqr

Superintendent &c

Difference, being Bullion in course of manufacture, { G. $ ..... / S. $ ..... } $ $1.002.292.21

Branch Mint U. S. at San Francisco,
Treasurer's Office, October 31st 1861

D. W. Cheesman Treasurer.

STATEMENT

OF THE CONDITION OF

The Branch Mint at San Francisco, at the close of the Month of November 1861

COINAGE ACCOUNT, DR.

Balance in the Treasury at the close of the month of October, as per Statement rendered,		$ 106.588.08
Total means for the month,	G. $ 1.305.000.00 / S. $ 129.000.00	$ 1434.000.00
		$ 1.540.588.08

COINAGE ACCOUNT, CR.

Gold paid for during the month,		$ 1.115.769.97
Silver do do do	Profits of Oct transferred	6.549.36
		$ 224.188.75
	Assay Coins	488.00
Balance,	G. $ 182.591.97 / S. $ 14.000.00	$ 196.591.97
		$ 1.540.588.08

BULLION ACCOUNT, DR.

Deposits assayed, but not demanded,	G. $ 614.173.43 / S. $ 6.463.32	$ 620.636.75
do unassayed and uncalculated,	G. $ 56.052.29 / S. $ 22.195.14	$ 78.247.43
Estimated amount due to private depositors,		$ 698.884.18
Add debt to U. S. for Bullion Fund,		$ 500.000.00
Total debt on Bullion Account,		$ 1.198.884.18
Deduct Balance in the Treasury, as above,		$ 196.591.97
Difference, being Bullion in course of manufacture,	G. $ ... / S. $ ...	$ 1.002.292.21

Branch Mint U. S. at San Francisco,
Treasurer's Office, October 31 1861

D. W. Cheesman Treasurer.

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Condition of
Branch Mint
San Francisco
Nov. 1861

No 2

Condition of
Branch mint
San Francisco
Dec. 1851

STATEMENT

OF THE CONDITION OF

The Branch Mint at San Francisco, at the close of the Month of December 1861

COINAGE ACCOUNT, DR.

Balance in the Treasury at the close of the month of November, as per Statement rendered, - - - - - - - - $ 196.591.97

Total means for the month, {G. $ 850.000.00 / S. $ 48.250.00} - - - $ 898.250.00

$ $1.094.841.97

COINAGE ACCOUNT, CR.

Gold paid for during the month, - - - - - - - - $ 843.669.50

Silver do do do - - - - - - - - $ 94.835.42

Profits for November Transferred 6.648.93

Assay Coins 327.20

Balance, {G. $ 132.360.92 / S. $ 17.000.00} - - - - - - - $ 149.360.92

$ $1094.841.97

BULLION ACCOUNT, DR.

Deposits assayed, but not demanded, {G. $ 390.766.57 / S. $ 31.588.93} - - $ 422.355.50

do unassayed and uncalculated, {G. $ ..... / S. $ .....} - - $

Estimated amount due to private depositors, - - - - $ 422.355.50

Add debt to U. S. for Bullion Fund, - - - - - - - $ 500.000.00

Total debt on Bullion Account, - $ 922.355.50

Deduct Balance in the Treasury, as above, - - - - - - $ 149.360.92

~~Difference, being Bullion in course of manufacture,~~ {G. $ ..... / S. $ .....} $ $772.994.58

Branch Mint U. S. at San Francisco,
Treasurer's Office, Jany. 10th 1862

D. M. Cheesman Treasurer.

STATEMENT

OF THE CONDITION OF

The Branch Mint at San Francisco, at the close of the Month of December 186 1

COINAGE ACCOUNT, DR.

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- as per Statement rendered, - - - - - - - - $ 196.591.97

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$ 1.094.841.97

BULLION ACCOUNT, DR.

Deposits assayed, but not demanded, { G. $ 446.818.86 / S. $ 53.784.07 } - - $ 500.602.93

do unassayed and uncalculated, { G. $ ..... / S. $ ..... } - - $

Estimated amount due to private depositors, - - - - $ 500.602.93

Add debt to U. S. for Bullion Fund, - - - - - - $ 500.000.00

Total debt on Bullion Account, - $ 1.000.602.93

Deduct Balance in the Treasury, as above, - - - - - $ 149.360.92

Difference, being Bullion in course of manufacture, { G. $ ..... / S. $ ..... } $ 851.242.01

Branch Mint U. S. at San Francisco,
Treasurer's Office, ... 185

D. N. Cheesman Treasurer.

Branch Mint of the United States.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

San Francisco, Jany 11th 1862

Sir,

Herewith please receive a corrected "Statement" of the Condition of the U.S. Br Mint at close of December 1861,

The error in the Statement handed you on the 10th inst, was in the amount of Unpaid Deposits —

To
R. J. Stevens Esq
Supt Br Mint

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
Jas McWilliams
for Treasurer

Sept 30, 1.

Sir,

Enclosed please find the Official Bonds of Robert J. Stevens Superintendent, Walter S. Denis Melter & Refiner, and William Schmoll Coiner of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, which I have certified to be to my satisfaction.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant,
J. Ross Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Official Bonds

Robt. J. Stevens Supt, Principal ($10,000)

Sureties { William Sherman
Richard H. Perkins

William Schmolz, Comm Principal ($10,000)

Sureties { Owen P. Sutton
Robt C. Matthewson

Walter S. Denio Mills Reporter ($10,000)

Sureties Isaac E. Davis
Charles Bow

To
Sec Treasury

Official Bond
of Supt.
M & Refiner &
Comer
Br. Mint San Francisco
transmitted

Sept 30, 1861

Sept. 30. 1.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith, a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution on the 31st. ult.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servant,
J. A. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To
~~Supt Br Mint~~
Sec Treasury

Report of monthly
count & Examination
at Br Mint San
Francisco endorsed

Sept 30, 1861.

Correspondence
U. S. Mint, & of
Branch Mints
September
1861

Superintendent's Office,

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., Sept 3, 1861

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith the Contract, closed in accordance with instructions, between the U.S. Government & Rector & Cole, for a supply of Seeds for the use of the Branch for three years from 1st Inst. according to the terms of proposal of said Cole as accepted by the Hon. the Secretary of the Treasury - Said Contract is accompanied by a Bond & Security in the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars, all of which is respectfully submitted for the approval of the Honorable Secretary -

The Duplicate remain on file in this Office

Very Respectfully

Robt J Stevens

Superintendent

Gen Jas Pollock

Director

U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Superintendent's Office,

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., Sept 6th 1861.

Sir:

Enclosed please receive the official Bonds of Robt J Stevens Superintendent W.S. Penn Melter & Refiner & Wm Schmolz Coiner of this Branch these Bonds have been perfected & lying in my office several days waiting for the bond of the Assayer as I wished to send them altogether. I have twice asked for the Bond of Mr Hegand stating with last occasion that the others were ready & waiting for his upon which he stated that his securities were not in the city & that he would not have me detain the others by waiting for his. I therefore inclose them to day.

I inclose also Wells Fargo & Co's receipt for the Assay Coins of July $604. I could not get them taken for less than 2 per cent. although the last shipment of about the same value was taken for $12 50/100. In view of this increased charge & the reliability of the "overland Route" I am inclined to recommend that in future these coins be sent by mail. In my letters of June 30 & July 5. I have expressed some doubt of the safety & vigilance of the new mail route, which I now

wish to recall, as it has been working with much regularity & safety & I now think that our assay Coins may be with prudence sent by this means of conveyance

The Estimate for the Appropriation for the next Fiscal Year is all ready with the exception of that portion which comes from the Assay Department which is promised by the day after tomorrow. on receipt of this I will immediately close the Estimate & forward it I inclose also Statement of Count of Cash in hands of the Treasurer Aug 31st.

Very Respectfully

Robt. M. Stevens

Superintendent

To
Gen James Pollock
Director
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Superintendent's Office,

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., Sept 12th 1861.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 7th Inst.

I enclose herewith a Requisition from Selby & Refiner - also one from Coiner - also, No 1 - Monthly Statement of Condition of the Branch

No 2 - Statement of Unpaid Deposits

No 3 - Statement of Gold Bullion deposited in August

No 4 - Statement of Silver " " " "

No 5 - Letter of Treasurer of B Mint enclosing Certificate of paying charge.

I have to inform you that Mr. E Cole the new contractor to supply this Branch with acid has abandoned the Contract, alleging that he signed it with the understanding that a "sufficient time would be given him for the erection of suitable works" the "time" he now defines as "five or six months," & as the government has not that number of weeks supply on hand, says it will be impossible to comply with the terms of the Contract. The greatly increased consumption of acid over a corresponding period in former years

is caused by the large unusual receipts of Bullion from Washoe amounting for the month of August to upwards of Eighty three thousand ounces. As soon as I became convinced that Mr Cole had given up the contract I sent for Judson & Co who I believe are the only reliable bidders, & ascertained from them that they were willing to contract on the basis of their proposal & would adhere to it until the fourteenth inst. & the matter rests in the state at the writing. I shall write fully by tomorrow giving copies of Mr Coles note.

Very Respectfully

Wm J Stevens

Superintendent

To

Jas Pollock Esq

Director

U S Mint

Phila

From P.O
Supt. Br. Mint
San Francisco.
3d. Sept
12 "

Assay coins for Delivery.
To Send them Coins
by Express
Bond of R. J. Stevens, Supt
returned for correction
Acct Supplies. - Copy
of &c. letter as to
Mr Cobb bid endorsed
Supt. instructed how
to proceed.
Oct 9. 1861

Oct. 9. 61

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 3d. 7th. & 8th. ult. with the enclosures stated.

Your assay coins for the months of July have been received but those for August have not yet come to hand. I think that it will be well for you to continue to send your assay coins by Wells Fargo & Co's Express until the safety and regularity of the overland mail is well established.

I return herewith your Official Bond, as Superintendent, which having no seals or witnesses to the signing, is not satisfactory to the Department. Please have the informality rectified.

The articles requested for the use of the Melter & Refiners Department, will be shipped by the first opportunity.

I received on the 19th. of Sept. (ult.) a communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing an application from R. E. Cole, for an extension of time

in which to commence delivering acids under his recent proposal. In concluding my report to the Department on Mr Cole's application, I made the following suggestions, viz: "If Mr. Cole, really desirous to meet acid works and can complete them within, say, three months and obtain within that time, the raw materials used in the manufacture of nitric acid, it would, in my opinion, be well to grant the extension asked. The Department might authorize the extension of time, on condition that Mr. Cole satisfies the Superintendent and the Special Agent of the Department, at San Francisco, on the points above indicated." Enclosed I send you a copy of the reply of the Secretary of the Treasury thereto.

You will please take the course indicated in the correspondence above referred to, to ascertain Mr. Cole's ability and intention of supplying the necessary acids, associating with you in the examination the Special Agent of the Department, or in case of his absence, the Collector of the Customs. If Mr. Cole satisfies You of his ability and intention to supply the acids required, within, say, three months You may give him an extension of that time. If however, it shall appear that he cannot be depended

on with certainty for the supplies of acid, it will perhaps be advisable to again advertise for proposals, accompanied with a notice requiring parties to attend & their bids satisfactory evidence of their ability to comply therewith, - the acceptance and contract to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury. In the meantime, should the supply of acid on hand become exhausted, you will purchase on the open market on the best attainable terms, the quantity required for your operations, until a contract for the same can be made.

Very Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Robt. J. Stevens Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint,
San Francisco,
Cal°.

GR

Treasury Department
Oct 1st 1861

Sir:

Your letter of the 30th ult. is received with the Bonds therein mentioned. Those of Denio Melter & Refiner, and of Schmotz, coiner of the Branch mint at San Francisco have been referred to the First Comptroller who is charged by law with the custody of such official Bonds. But that of Stevens the Superintendent not being executed under seal and not witnessed, cannot be accepted as an official bond and is herewith returned.

Very respectfully
Your obed't Serv't

[signature]

Secretary of the Treasury

James Pollock Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From. The Secretary
of the Treasury
Washington City

Returning Officers

Bond of R. J.
Stevens Supt Pr
Mint San Francisco
on a/c of no Seals
or Stamps
Oct 3. 1861

October 1, 1.

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of business on the 30th. ult. exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer, viz:

In Gold Coins	$37,548.50
In Silver Coins	62,867.07
In Cent Coins	1,202.96
In Ordinary Fund	5,915.02.
San Francisco B. Mint Fund	99.15
	$107,632.70

corresponding with the balances as stated upon the account books in his office.

An examination at the same time into the condition of the Mint generally, gave satisfactory evidence that the business of the institution is conducted with care and fidelity.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your obedient Servant
J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

October 1, 1.

Sir,

As required by the 12th section of the act of 6th of August 1846, and the regulations of the Department, I made at the close of business on the 30th ult., examination of the books, accounts and money on hand in the Office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia, and found the following balance in said and Bank Coin and U.S. Treasury Notes, $514,804.23: corresponding with the balance as stated upon his books of account.

In making up the foregoing balance the following sum was counted as cash viz:

[illegible] U.S. Treasury Notes sent to the Department for which no Warrant has yet been received by the Asst Treasurer. $100,000.00

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your [illegible] servant
[illegible]

Hon. S. Richard
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

October 1.

Sir.

Enclosed I am will please find the contract of R. E. Coles for supplying the Branch Mint at San Francisco, Cal: with Acids, for three years from the 1st September 1863: also, a Bond of Mr. Coles and sureties, in the sum of Twenty five Thousand Dollars; for the faithful performance of the Contract. All of which is respectfully submitted for Your approval.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your Obedient servant,
A. P. Elliott
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To
The Sec. Treasury

Enclosing [illegible] contract
& Bond of
R. E Cole for
Supplying the Rv.
Mint with Acids

Oct 8. 1861

Branch Mint of the United States.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

San Francisco, October 2nd, 1861

Sir:

Please receive herewith, the amount of deficit in the accounts of the late Melter and Refiner (A Harasthy) at his final settlement (April 23d 1857) as the same appears upon the Books of the Treasurer,

Actual deficit in his Gold a/c,	8092.100 ozs.		$150550.70
do — Silver "	1526.53 "		1776.33
			$152327.03

To
Robt J. Stevens Esq
Superintendent
U.S. Br. Mint Cal

Very Respectfully

D M Boileau
Treasurer.

Treasury Department
Oct 3d 1861

Sir

Your report of the 20th ultimo upon the application of R. E. Cole was duly received.

In my opinion, the keeping a large stock of acids in reserve at the Branch Mint at San Francisco, is not adapted to the present state of things. It appears that they deteriorate by long keeping - and it is desirable to reduce the expenses of that Branch as far as consistent with its efficiency.

Mr Cole's bid was one cent per pound lower than any other, and if he is able and willing to perform his contract, I would give him a fair opportunity of doing so. If Coles cannot, or will not comply with his bid, the Superintendent should take proper measures to obtain a supply by entering into contract with the next lowest bidder, before the present stock is exhausted. I see no objection to the course you propose to ascertain Mr Coles ability and intention of supplying the necessary acids.

Very respectfully
Your obed't Svt

James Pollock Esq
Director of Mint
Phila

P. S. If the Special Agent is absent, the Collector may be associated with the Superintendent

From
The Secretary of the Treasury

In relation to supply
of acids at
Br. Mint San
Francisco &
Contract of R. E. Cole
Oct 5. 1861

October 4. 1.

Sir,

In compliance with the Act of March 4. 1857 c. 87. I present herewith a statement of the Expenditures of the Mint, for the quarter ending 30th September, 1861.

Statement of the Expenditures of the Mint for the Quarter ending Sept. 30. 1861

Salaries of Officers Clerks	$6.975
Wages of Workmen & Adjusters	34.363.94
Incidental Expenses	9.944.22
	$51,283.16

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obedient Servant,
J. P. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon. S. P. Chase.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To,
Sec Treasury
Washington City

Enclosing Statement
of Expenditures
1st Quarter 1861-62

Oct 4. 1861

Circuit Court of the United States,
For the Districts of California.
Clerk's Office,
San Francisco, October 5, 1861.

Robt. J. Stevens Esq
Supt U. S. Branch Mint
San Francisco.

Sir.

In accordance with your request for information in regard to the Navassetty cases, I would state that the case of The U. S. v Navassetty & his bondsmen was tried in March 1861, when a verdict was rendered in favor of Defendants, on the day the verdict was rendered an order was entered giving the U. S. 10 days in which to file a motion for new trial, since then no proceedings have been had in that cause.

In the case of The U. S. v Navassetty to recover the sum of $152,227.44, a Judgment was entered for Dft in April 1861 in accordance with a stipulation made previous to the

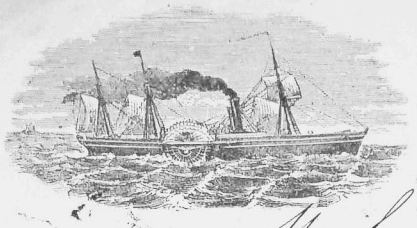
trial of the former suit - Since the entry of that judgment no proceedings have been had in said cause -

Yrs truly
Cutler McAllister
Clerk Cir Ct
U. S. Dists of Ala

$ 152.327.03 is to be paid out
D S
Supt

Depart in case
of A. Haraszthy
M. & R.
R. Mint
San Francisco
July 2, 1861

WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
BOSTON OFFICE, 39 & 40 Court Sq. PHILADELPHIA OFFICE, 341 Chestnut St.
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, Corner of Montgomery & California Streets.



Wells, Fargo & Co.

NEW-YORK AND CALIFORNIA EXPRESS,

Office, 341 Chestnut St.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct 9 186/

Received, from U S Mint in apparent good order, the articles marked as below, to be delivered in like order, subject to the agreement now made and hereinafter expressed, to mark at SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. It is agreed, and is part of this contract, that we are not to be responsible for any loss or damage arising from the dangers of the seas, transit of the Isthmus, steam or river navigation, leakage, fire, water, or from any cause whatever, unless the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of ourselves, our agents or servants; it is expected that packages will be made water proof; we will not be responsible for the contents of any valuable package, unless that value is expressed in the receipt.

Duplicate

Freight from N. York to San Francisco; at $2 50 ~~cents per lb.~~ Per Steamer, North Light

Insured to San Francisco, for $ ——— at ——— per cent.,

MARKS	No.	PACKAGES.	POUNDS.	Ft.	In.
Robert J Stevens Supt Br Mint San Francisco Cal	One	Pkg			

Shipper's No.

San Francisco, Cal.

FOR THE PROPRIETORS.

G Fred

Geo. Sibell, Stationer and Printer, 12 Wall St., N. Y.

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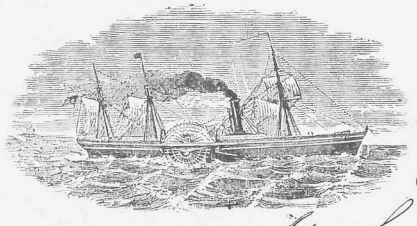

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Geo. Sibell, Stationer and Printer, 12 Wall St., N. Y.

Wells, Fargo & Co

Oct. 9. 1861.

Oct 7. 1.

Messrs S. M. Peot & Co.

Gentlemen,

I have to request that you will ship to the U. S. Branch Mint San Francisco, Cal. by a Sailing Vessel from Holland or New York via Cape Horn. Twenty (20) boxes of Coin, each containing One hundred pounds. Please put up the article with care to guard against damage while in transit by sea.

Your account, accompanied by duplicate bills of lading, will be paid at this office.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock

Director of the Mint.

Jas. Pollock. Esq

Dear Sir.

We quote you as follows

Borax Refined 18. ¢

Nitre Pure Refined. 16. ¢

Common Sulphuric. 60. ¢

Net Cash —

Yours Respectfully

J. M. Perot & Co

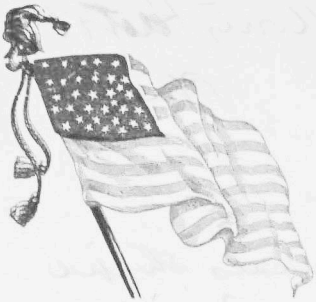
10/9/61

To
J. M. Prof'd
Druggists
Phila.

Order for 25 boxes
Brandy for
Med. Purp.

Oct 9, 1861

☞IN MEDICINES, QUALITY IS OF THE FIRST IMPORTANCE.☜



"OUR WHOLE COUNTRY."

T. MORRIS PEROT & CO.,

Importers & Jobbers of Drugs,

No. 621 Market St. & 612 Commerce St.,

PHILADELPHIA.

Oct. 15th. 1861

James Pollock Esq

Dear Sir.

We have shipped to the U.S. Branch Mint, San Francisco, twenty five Cases Borax, per the A. No. 1. Clipper Ship "Orpheus" now loading in New York; as soon as we receive Bill Lading will send you Invoice - With many thanks for your attention, & trusting a Continuance may be extended

We Remain Yours Truly

T. M. Perot & Co.

Iowa
J. Morris Patton
Phila

Chemicals Shipped
by Pac Mint
San Francisco
Oct 14. 1861

WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
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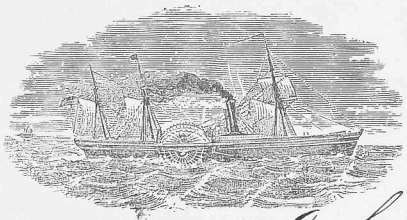


Wells, Fargo & Co.

NEW-YORK AND CALIFORNIA EXPRESS,

Office, 341 Chestnut St.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct 11 1861

Received, from John M Maras in apparent good order, the articles marked as below, to be delivered in like order, subject to the agreement now made and hereinafter expressed, to mail at SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. It is agreed, and is part of this contract, that we are not to be responsible for any loss or damage arising from the dangers of the seas, transit of the Isthmus, steam or river navigation, leakage, fire, water, or from any cause whatever, unless the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of ourselves, our agents or servants; it is expected that packages will be made water proof; we will not be responsible for the contents of any valuable package, unless that value is expressed in the receipt.

Freight from N. York to San Francisco, at 13 cents per lb. Per Steamer, Champion

Insured to San Francisco, for $ ——— at ——— per cent.,

MARKS.	No.	PACKAGES.	POUNDS.	Ft.	In.
U S Branch Mint San Francisco Cal	Two	Boxes	281	3	10

Shipper's No. 9. 10

San Francisco, Cal.

FOR THE PROPRIETORS.

G Freeg

Duplicate

Geo. Sibell, Stationer and Printer, 12 Wall St., N. Y.

Wells, Fargo & Co
Oct. 11, 1861

Superintendent's Office,

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., October 15th 1861.

Sir:

Since I last had the honor of addressing you, I have conferred with Major Snyder the late Treasurer of this Branch in reference to the Harasthy deficiencies. He informs me that he wrote to the Hon. Sec. of the Treasury on the 24 April last giving a full statement of the matter as it then stood, with a transcript of record of the proceedings in the cases of the United States vs. A. Harasthy et als. certified to by the Clerk of the Court. He further states that after taking legal advice he re-transfered to Harasthy certain property which said Harasthy had placed in his hands in 1857 in trust, subject to the verdict of the U. S. Courts in these cases and that he considered the matter finally and definately settled - against the government.

I propose with your approval to close for the next annual settlement on the 31st Dec.r prox. the law requires a settlement "once a year" which I suppose means that a settlement must be made once at

least during every consecutive twelve months and would preclude a postponement until some convenient time next year (say in November 1862) were it otherwise practicable it would be desirable on the score of economy and public accommodation to dispense with this settlement. It seems to me at least allowable to omit in this settlement, in view of the recent date & thorough character of the last, the greater part of the destruction of flues and furnaces, and consequent rebuilding, usual at annual settlements, which would be only requisite in the present case for the more complete and immediate recovery of all the bullion - After consultation with the operative officers, I am convinced that there will not be the usual necessity of an entire settlement, that is of a thorough destruction and rebuilding of all those portions of the building which secrete bullion - Will you please favor me with your opinion on this point - if this plan is permissible delay and expense will be avoided.

I have spoken to the Comr about his requisition for Dies for 1862 - he relies on their being sent without order

The Melter & Refiner has made several complaints of late about Refined gold from the Refinery, which after adding alloy becomes very brittle, and occasions great delay

waste and expense, This has been a matter of correspondence on several occasions between my predecessor and the former Director of the Mint, and in his letter of 19 Dec. last, authority is given to impose a charge corresponding to the expenses incurred in rendering the bullion suitable for coinage - This does not overcome the difficulty however, as the waste is the principal objection in these cases - I have notified Messrs Kellogg & Newton, and desired them to test their gold thoroughly before depositing it, which they promise to do, and yet the fault occurs again. The matter of charges proper to be imposed on refined gold of this character, and also upon certain classes of Washoe Bullion is now under investigation and shall be reported upon as soon as a definite conclusion can be arrived at.

I regret to be compelled to again call your attention to the fact that no draft has yet arrived, in answer to the Requisition for the expenses of this Branch, for the 2nd. Quarter closed June 30th - The Draft for $69.012.96, which was received by the Treasurer of this Branch on the 13th. August, was in answer to the Requisition made by myself for money to meet the expenses of the 3rd. quarter, and was appropriated to the payment of the indebtedness of the 2nd. quarter. - Your letter of July 19th. notifies me of the receipt of this Requisition, and of its

having been forwarded to the Department. The Requisition for the expenses of the 2nd. quar is acknowledged in your letter of Mar. 19 - which states that you approved and forwarded it to the Department - it has not yet been honored.

I have omitted to mention in previous letters that I sometime since annulled the existing contracts for Wood and Coal as they had some time to run, and I found that new contracts could be made on much more favorable terms - I deemed this course proper after having advised with the U.S. District Attorney here, and necessary to a just and faithful care of the government interest

I enclose the following monthly & quarterly reports.

1st. Statement of expenditures for Quar. ending Sept- 30. 1861
2. " " Gold Deposits & Coinage month of Sept. "
3 " " Silver " " " "
4 " " Deposits remaining unpaid " 30th "
5 Monthly Statement of Condition of Br. Mint at close of Sept "
6. Letter of the Treasurer enclosing certificate of parting charge for month of Sept. transferred to Apt. Treas.

To Gov James Pollock
Director of Mint
Philadelphia

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Robt J. Stevens
Supt

Superintendent's Office,

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., October 24th 1861.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of Sept 20th, enclosing the Memorandum which I re-enclose having retained a copy of it.

In my letter of Sept. 27th, I enclosed a full statement of o/c from the Treasurer dating from June 30/59 the time at which there was as he understands, a balance made - This statement will be more perfect for comparison than the memorandum received from you, which only goes back to July 1. 1860 - Still I herewith submit a statement shewing the surplus balances as they are given in my predecessors letter of Sept. 10th 1860 - they differ both in particulars and aggregate - the Deductions transfered agree - as also the amount of appropriation for 1860 - 61 - Three drafts only have been received each for $80.000.00 in accordance with the first 3 approved Requisitions in the memorandum. The draft for the last stated requisition approved Mar. 18, 1861 for $52.858.51 has never been received

The next and last Draft, received Aug. 13 was in honor of Requisition for expenses of 3rd. Quar 1861 - Viz; $69.012.96.

The Deficiency appropriation for $20.000.00 had escaped my

knowledge until after the Estimates for 1862-3 had been forwarded - Will you please make the corresponding correction before forwarding your report to the Hon. Sec. of the Treasury -

Neither of the Vessels with acid have yet arrived Judson & Co are supplying the Branch on the conditional contract.

Will you be pleased to enquire about the Draft - which should have been sent - for the Requisition which you approved Mar. 18th Viz: $52,858.51

I would again earnestly call your attention to the fact that the Branch is entirely out of money, the wages salaries &c have not been paid since August 31st, owing to the non-arrival of the above mentioned Draft.

Enclose a requisition from the Coiner for standard weights, the smaller class ie- the grain weights - I believe to be necessary - the larger weights are somewhat dented, I think perhaps the 10 oz and 100 ozs, would be sufficient to test the others by - he also wishes to know if the coin adjusting machine on trial with you proves satisfactory & if so would like one ordered.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
Robt J Stevens
Superintendent

Lg
Gov Jas Pollock
Director of the Mint
Phila

Nov 25. 1.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 15th. and 24th. ult. with the enclosures stated.

The 22nd. Section of the Seizure Mint Law, provides for the settlement of the accounts of the Melter Refiner and Coiner, "once at least in every year." This Section evidently contemplates a general settlement once in every consecutive twelve months, and will not admit of a postponement of the settlement at your Branch Mint, to November or December, 1862.

There having been a thorough settlement of the accounts of the Melter & Refiner and Coiner, at the close of the month of June last, another general settlement prior to June next, does not appear to be necessary, and the partial settlement you propose to make on the 2 next month, will be sufficient, provided always, You are satisfied that the operations are being conducted with Skill, care and fidelity; and within the ordinary Wastage. If however, You have doubts at any time on these points, a general and thorough settlement should

be ordered as early as practicable.

I will again call the attention of the Department to the Requisition from your Branch Mint, for the quarter ending June 30th 1864, and also to your need of funds.

The Machine for adjusting [illegible] recently sent to your Mint has never been put in use at this institution. I have in my Annual Report to the Department, recommended the institution of some experiments for facilitating the adjustment of the planchets for the smaller gold coins. Should the experiments in question be tried and satisfactory results attained, you will be advised of the same.

In view of the opinion advanced in your letters in relation to a reduction in the rate of wages paid at your institution, I addressed a communication recently to the Department, proposing to suggest to you a general reduction of 25 per ct in the rate of wages, at the close of the present quarter, and stating that I had estimated for such a reduction for the next fiscal year. Enclosed you will find a copy of the Secretary's reply, from which it will be seen that the subject is left pretty much to your discretion. This is entirely satisfactory to me.

I have to call your attention to the fact that no assay coins have been received from your Mint for the last three months i.e. August, September & October.

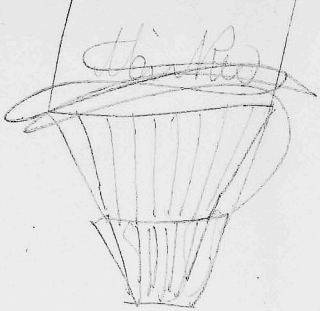
Please inform him this is. I would suggest that the packages containing Your assay Coins, be forwarded hereafter, by Wells Fargo & Co's Express, by the first Steamer which leaves Your Port after the close of each Month. At the close of this Year please send me a statement of the assay Coins forwarded during the same.

The Weights requested by the Coins will be forwarded as soon as they can be prepared.

The Statement of unpaid deposits — now made Monthly — may hereafter be forwarded Quarterly

Very Respectfully,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint

Col. J. A. [illegible] Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
San Francisco
Cal.



H. R. Low

From Lo

Supt R. about

San Francisco

Calf.

Nov 28/61

Law Construction

Theory in relation

to annual settlement.

As to proprietor

Reduction in rate of Wages

Enclosing copy of Sec

Letter on Subject

As to Machine for

adjusting Coin

Assay Coins for

Aug. Sept. Oct Nov

received — Instruct how

to forward them ~~thereafter~~

Weights ordered for

Coinage —

SAN FRANCISCO, 1861 (CONT.)

Oct 18. 1.

No.

On the 15th of March last my predecessor, the Superintendent, entered by Your order, a Requisition from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint, San Francisco, for the sum of Two Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Eight Dollars to meet the expenses of that institution for the month ending June 30. 1861. The Superintendent informed me that the draft for the requisition in question had been issued at the Branch Mint for Your information I inclose a copy of the requisition & send herewith a draft of the Treasurer of the United States covering the amount. Upon examination there will be found a draft for the amount has not been received by any post that if be forwarded as above as Commanded.

Very Respt. Your Obt Servt
J. Pollock
Director

Hon S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury.

To
Sec. Treasury

In relation to
Requisition from Supt.
Mint San Francisco
Cal. for Quarter
ending June 30, 1861

Oct 18, 1861.

If the draft
is not heard from
by Dec 20 to Sam
Unt to Supt.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Oct. 21, 1861.

Sir,

Enclosed you will please find two official Bonds of Leonard Weigand, Assayer of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco, for Five thousand Dollars each, which I find executed are to my satisfaction.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obedient Servt.
R. M. Patterson
Director of the Mint.

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To
The Sec. Treasury
Washington City

Enclosing Official
Bonds of Conrad
Weigand Assayer
Br. Mint San
Francisco. Calif.

Oct 19. 1861.

Wells, Fargo & Co.

NEW-YORK AND CALIFORNIA EXPRESS,

Office, 341 Chestnut St.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct 19 1861

Received, from U S Mint in apparent good order, the articles marked as below, to be delivered in like order, subject to the agreement now made and hereinafter expressed, to Supt at SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. It is agreed, and is part of this contract, that we are not to be responsible for any loss or damage arising from the dangers of the seas, transit of the Isthmus, steam or river navigation, leakage, fire, water, or from any cause whatever, unless the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of ourselves, our agents or servants; it is expected that packages will be made water proof; we will not be responsible for the contents of any valuable package, unless that value is expressed in the receipt.

Duplicate

Freight from N. YORK to SAN FRANCISCO, at $1.50 ~~cents per lb.~~ Per Steamer, Champion

Insured to SAN FRANCISCO, for $ at per cent.,

MARKS	No.	PACKAGES.	POUNDS.	Ft.	In.
Robt J Stevens Supt B Mint San Francisco Cal	One	Gold Dust			

Shipper's No.

San Francisco, Cal.

FOR THE PROPRIETORS.

A Field

WELLS, FARGO & CO.
BOSTON OFFICE, 39 & 40 Court Sq. PHILADELPHIA OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE, Corner of Montgomery & Calif

Geo. Sibell, Stationer and Printer. 12 Wall St., N. Y.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.,
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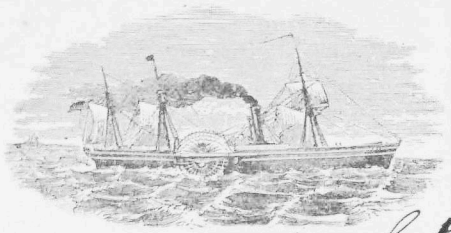

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Freight from N. York to San Francisco, at $12 50 cents per lb. Per Steamer, Champion

Insured to San Francisco, for $ ——— at ——— per cent.,

MARKS.	No.	PACKAGES.	POUNDS.	Ft.	In.
Robt J Stevens Supt B Mint San Francisco Cal	One	Letter Pkg			

Shipper's No.

San Francisco, Cal.

FOR THE PROPRIETORS.

G Fields

Geo. Sibell, Stationer and Printer, 12 Wall St., N. Y.

Wells, Fargo & Co
Oct. 19, 1861

Oct 19. 1.

Sir.

I have received your letters of the 13th and 17th inst. with the enclosures stated.

The Contract you propose to execute with Messrs Judson & Co. for supplies of acid, will, when received, be submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for his approval.

The views presented by You, in relation to the rate of Wages, at Your Branch Mint, will be duly considered, when I come to prepare the Estimates for the appropriations required for the next fiscal Year.

Your proposition to impose a general charge of five cents per ounce, on Washoe Bullion, is approved, it appearing from the data furnished by You, that this charge is required to cover the Expenses of parting and refining the Bullion in question.

I have called the attention of the Department, to the fact that no draft for the requisition from your Branch office, for the quarter ending June 30. 1860. has been received by you.

Enclosed please find Bill of lading for Corrosive Sublimate under seal Letter, forwarded per Wells Fargo & Co's Express on the 11th inst, and 25 boxes Soap, forwarded from New York on the same day, per ship "Orpheus".

I received a few days since, a Communication from Conrad Weigand, Esq., of your Branch office, in relation to the appointment and Bond of Assistant Benj. F. Martin. Enclosed I send my reply thereto, which I will thank you to deliver to him. I also enclose bonds of Benjamin F. Martin, and William Biddle, in the sum of $5000-. It is signed by also Biddle, who, as surety, is satisfactory to me. It must be signed by the obligors, who will also take the oath of office

from the proper U. S. Officer in Your City. The Bond will then be returned Home for approval and transmission to the Department.

Very Respectfully,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Ross J. Stevens Esq.
Supt. Pr. Assay
San Francisco
Cal.

From Do
Supt. Pr. about
San Francisco.
Octg. 1861

1861

1. Contract of Judson & Co. for acid Supplies
2. Reduction of rate of Wages &c
3. A general charge of 5 cts per oz for the inspection on Harbor Bullion
4. Requisition for last Quarter of Fiscal yr ending June 30, 1861 attention of Dept. called to fact that no draft thereon has been received.
5. Bills of Ludwig for services Settlement & Letter of Transf enclosed.
6. Bond of Wells Martin Assistant Assayer enclosed. - also letter for C. Hayward Assayer

For Supt Offices See Special File - "Estimates"

October 26th 1.

Messrs Joseph Dixon & Co.
Jersey City. N. J.
Gentlemen.

I have to request that You will manufacture for, and Ship to the Branch Mint, at San Francisco, Cal.a, via Cape Horn, the following articles, viz:

500	Black Lead Pots	No 8
250		10
150		20
100		30
300		35
250		50
200	Large Size Refining Pots	
100	Medium " " "	
200	Pot Covers	No 10
100	" " "	50
150	" " "	35

These articles should be well packed and divided into two or three different shipments to guard against loss by sea.

Your account is duplicated, together with the bills of lading, will be forwarded to you.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock

Director of Purchases

To,

Messrs Jos Dixon & Co.

Jersey City

order for Crucibles

& Col. R. Lowe

Oct 26. 1861.

Superintendent's Office,

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., October 28th 1861.

Robt J Stevens.

Superintendent U S B Mint.

Dr Sir.

Your note of this date requesting an explanation of some statements contained in a letter signed by myself, and addressed to Hon. S.P. Chase Secretary of the Treasury, dated the 24th of August last is just received.

In reply I can assure you, that I never have had any pecuniary interest whatever, in the contract which was awarded to me for supplying the Branch Mint under your charge with acids. Some little time before proposals were made for the supply of such acids, Dr. O.M. Wozencraft, desired to make use of my name, in a proposal for such supply, stating as a reason that possibly there might be ~~a reason~~ an objection to his name, as he was not considered, as a very Strong Republican. Willing to do the Doct any reasonable favor, I consented, and signed the proposal which he brought me.

I expected of course if it was accepted, to make a transfer of the bid or contract to him, or any party to whome he might direct it to be made, if Satisfactory to the Government or its agents.

From the time that the acceptance of the proposal was received, I desired and urged that the transfer be made, but it was delayed by the Dock, and when the time came for closing the contract, I signed it because then there was no time to make a transfer, as it was late on the last day for closing the matter.

In reference to the Statements contained in the letter to the Hon! S.P. Chase, to which you take exceptions, I can only say that, I have no personal knowledge of their correctness.

That letter was written by D. Rozencraft, and brought to me for my signature. as the business so far had been conducted in my name, and having confidence in his statements I signed it; deeming always that he was entirely and alone responsible for any and all statements it contained.

Regretting that any statements should have been made over my signature, that could be construed as reflecting unjustly upon you. I remain

Respectfully Yours

R. E. Cole.

Copy

Hon.e S P Chase
Secty of the Treasury.

San Fran Aug 24. 1861

Copy

Having been awarded the contract for supplying the acids for the Mint of this place for three years, & having commenced making the necesary preperations to fulfil the same. I regret to inform you that Supt R J Stevens has interposed such obstructions as to embarrass me & cause me to address myself directly to you. When he determined to receive proposals for a supply of acids, he expected to close or accept the proposals at once, so as to give competitors time to erect works before the expiration of the old contract, which is on the 1st Sept.

He subsequently determined to send the proposals on to Philadelphia, for action there, and as it would be impossible for any parties to compete with the old contractors, by commencing to fulfil a contract within the few days notice which would intervene between the reception of the news here of the successful bid & the expiration of the old contract. He informed the parties who proposed to bid, that he would have a supply of acids on hand to be used in the interregnum & thus protect the Government. On this assurance, I bid for the contract; and it being the lowest, it was awarded to me; And now, when the old contract is about to expire, and sometime subsequently to the reception of the news of the accepted proposal. He for the first time, speaks of withholding the acids on hand & thereby expects to vitiate my contract. I now respectfully request in view of the foregoing facts, that you will allow me an extention of 3 months time, in which to commence the manufacture of acids, and authorize the use of the acids on hand in the interregnum. And I can assure you that by so doing there will be no delay in the operation of the Mint. I herewith submit the statements

of prominent individuals in corroboration of the facts
set forth & it is presumed that you are familiar
with their names and standing & possibly personally
acquainted with them. That you may see the importance
of allowing me to fulfil my contract, allow me to say
that there will be some 30000 Dollars difference between the
old and new contract in favor of the Government. I have
signed the contract and given the most unexceptionable security
yet the Superintendent still delays. As it is a matter of
importance to the Government as well as to myself to have
your decision at an early day, please give me that
decision by telegraph and Pony & much oblige

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Signed) R E Cole

Custom House, San Francisco,

Collector's Office Nov 14th 1861.

Sir:

Mr. Stevens the Director of the Branch Mint of this City, having shown to me your instructions authorizing him in concert with me to make inquiry in regard to the ability of Dr R.E. Cole to fulfil his contract for supplying the mint with acids, on condition of his having an extension of three months time, I beg leave for myself to report as follows:

Dr. Cole in an interview with Mr Stevens and myself distinctly disavowed all knowledge of the business of making acids, and all interest in the present contract. He stated that acting under a misapprehension of the facts, he gave the use of his name to oblige a friend who was to be the real contractor in case the bid should be accepted, and for himself was satisfied that he could not be prepared to supply the wants of the Mint in 90 days, and did not wish to undertake it. He desired however that we should confer with his substitute Dr Wagnerofft who assured him of his ability to comply with the terms of the contract if he could have the proposed extension

Yours

of time. Dr W. was therefore requested to meet as proposed with responsible parties to state exactly what he would undertake to do, and to furnish as proof of his ability to carry out what he should undertake. He failed entirely to comply with this request. He offered no security, and furnished no tangible facts — nothing whatever upon which it would be safe to hazard so important interests as are involved in the regular operations of the mint.

In my opinion it would be utterly impossible for any one to construct new works and be prepared to deliver coins in three months. I do not think the work can be constructed in that time, and am quite sure that the raw material cannot so soon be laid down here. It certainly could not be in any other way than by bringing it from New York by steamer at great cost, and I have reason to believe with the large amount of other freight now pressing upon the steamers it could not be got here in that manner.

On the whole I am fully convinced that the only safe way for the Government is to close with the present contractors

Very

who are good and reliable men
having already the necessary works,
the necessary capital, and the requisite
arrangements for regular supplies
of the raw material.

I am very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Jno. P. Rankin

James Pollock Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Superintendent's Office,

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., Nov. 14th 1861

Sir:

Your letter of the 9th. Inst. with Instructions in reference to R. E. Cole's application for extension of time in which to prepare to supply acid for the Branch, I have already acknowledged - At the time of its receipt Mr. Smith, and Mr. Rankin the Collector, were both absent - the latter returned on the 8th. Inst. and on the following day (Saturday) after reading your letter, met Mr. Cole by appointment at my office - In reply to our inquiries as to his intention and ability to carry out the Contract - he declared his entire ignorance of what was necessary in the matter, and stated that he had lent the use of his name to Dr. Wozencraft to oblige him and with the understanding that the Contract should be transferred to Dr. W. as soon as the bid was accepted - that he did not wish an extension granted and was not prepared to fulfill the contract, but wished to be relieved of it.

Mr. Cole further stated that he would much like that Dr. Wozencroft or some party or parties, whom

D. W. might wish to substitute might be offered the extension – as D. W. had urged that there were such parties who were desirous and able to fill the contract satisfactorily if such terms were allowed them – Mr. Rankin and myself therefore appointed Monday P. M., the 11th for a further interview – at the time & place appointed no one appeared but Dr. R. P. Chase, and he only made statements of what could be done, and disavowed any ability or willingness to do any thing in the matter – he stated that nitrate of soda could be brought here in steamers via Panama from Iquique – Mr. Babcock the agent of the only line of Steamers from Panama – stated to me the same day that he was doubtful whether freight of that nature could be taken at any time – but that it was out of the question now, as for some months previous the steamers had been obliged to leave their regular freight, and that this state of things would continue for some months to come –

Enclosed please find the report of Collector Rankin in this matter.

Also copies of my correspondence with R. E. Cole on the 28th Oct., occasioned by receipt of copy of his

letter to the Hon: Secretary dated Aug 24th — the prominent persons refered to in that letter are Dr. Wozencraft and Dr. Chase, the latter of whom was twice before the Police Court for attempting to adulterate acids belonging to this Branch about 18 mos since, and narrowly escaped Conviction

I also enclose Post Masters Receipt for Apay Coins for 1/2 half of September

12	Double Eagles	$240
8	1/4 "	20
7	Half Dollars	3 50
		$263, 50

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
Robt J Stevens
Superintendent

To
Gov James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Phila

I am well satisfied to learn through my clerk Mr Wells that you have approved the contract made with Judson & Co — they were the next lowest reliable bidders. The supply of acid in open market here, as near as I can learn is generally about 40 or 50

Inno
R J. Stevens
Lupt Bethuit
San Francisco

Examination as
to ability and
intention of
R. Elsh
to supply Pr
Mint with aids
Report adversely
Dec 11th 1861

Cards 5 & Supplies to Druggists here by this same firm at
15 cents.

Very Resp
Chas J Stevens
Capt

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Oct. 29. 1861.

Sir:

In a communication lately received by me, from the Superintendent, of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco, Cal.a dated 7th. ult.o there is Reference is made to an examination, which was then being made at the instance of Mr. Smith, Special Agent of the Treasury Department - in relation to the rate of Wages paid at that institution, with a view to a reduction thereof. As I am now engaged in preparing the Estimates of Appropriations required for the Mint establishment, for the next fiscal year, (for the Register of the Treasury,) I would be glad to be informed of the result of Mr Smith's examination, and the action, if any, of the Department on the subject. It would also be well to furnish me with a copy of Mr. Smith's Report, if the same has been received.

A reduction in the rate of "Wages" at the Branch Mint, appears to be required. Before acting on the subject, however, I wish to have the information above referred to, before me.

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Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
Wm. P. Coe
Supt. Mint

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To
The Sec Treasury
Washington City

Request copy
of report of Mr
Smith Special Agt.
in relation to
rate of Wages
paid at Ft
Monroe Sand Bars &
Oct 29, 1861

Ch. to [illegible] United States
Philadelphia Oct 1, 1861

Sir,

On the 22nd inst. I laid the [illegible] for your consideration, the [illegible] of Messrs [illegible] for supplying the Branch Mint at San Francisco, with acids, for the years from the 1st October 1861, not having received a report from you on the subject, and one of the members of the association being desirous with a view, in case of your favorable action on the contract in question, to the purchase and shipment of the necessary raw materials required for the manufacture of acids, I have to request that you will inform me of your decision in relation to the contract, at your earliest convenience. Under all the circumstances of the case, and being satisfied that the prices to be paid under the contract are reasonable, I recommend [illegible] of the terms of the proposals.

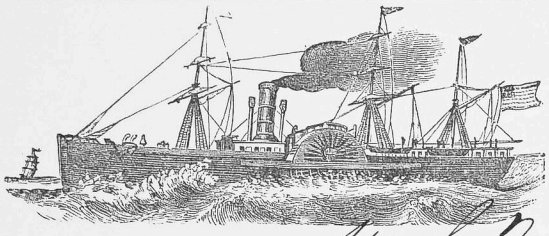
I am very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
[illegible]
Director

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury.

To Treasury

As to acceptance
& Approval of
Contract Judson & Co.
for supplies acid
Pr. Mont Davis
Kansas.

Oct 30. 1861.



WELLS, FARGO & CO.'S
California Express.

Office, 341 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Oct 31 1861

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R J Stevans Supt Br Mint San Francisco Cal	One	Letter P Pkg			

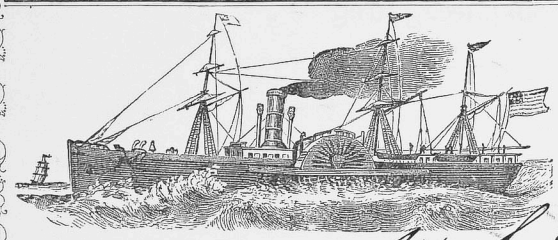
Shipper's No.

San Francisco, Cal.

ORIGINAL.

For the Proprietors, G Fiedg

SIBELL, Stationer, 12 Wall Street, N. Y.



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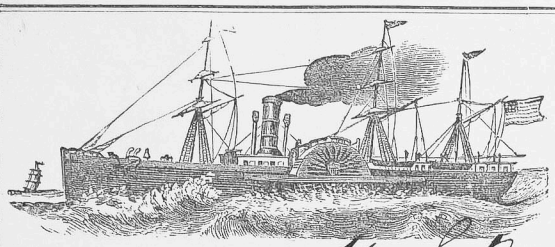

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Insured to San Francisco, for $ —— at —— per cent.,

MARKS.	No.	PACKAGES.	POUNDS.	Ft.	In.
Treas Branch Mint San Francisco Cal	One	Box			

Shipper's No.
Value $500

San Francisco, Cal.

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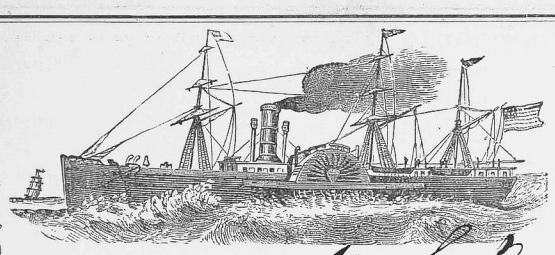

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Wells, Fargo & Co.

Apl. 21. 1864

Treasury Department
November 27 1861

Sir,

Your communication dated the 22d ult., covering the contract & Bond of Messrs Judson & for supplying the Branch Mint at San Francisco with acids for the term of three years, has received the consideration of the Department. Under all the circumstances the Department thinks it best that the contract should be entered into for one year. You will therefore be pleased to cause the contract to be made for that time, and the advertisement for a continuance to be issued, in time to give the bidders an opportunity to make the necessary preparations in the event of their bids being successful. The Contract & Bond are herewith returned.

I am very respy
Geo Harrington
Actg Sec of the Treasury

James Pollock Esq
Director of the Mint
Phila.

From
Geo. Harrington Esq
Act Sec Treasury
Washington City -

Contract for supplies of
acid at Br. Mint
San Francisco to be
made for one year

Nov 9. 1861.

Superintendent's Office,

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., Novr 2nd 1861.

Sir:

The last communication from you bears date Sept. 20th, - I have the honor to forward herewith the Bullion a/c of the late Treasurer Snyder - for his closing term i.e, from April 1st. to June 5th, inclusive with the receipts of his successor, in accordance with your instructions - Mr. Snyder desires me to say that he should have rendered the account in this way at the time of leaving, but that the summary action of his successor allowed him no opportunity to do so. he states further that all the receipts were sent to the Hon: Sec of the Treasury at that time - the delay in forwarding this a/c has been occasioned by the absence of Mr. Snyder from town and the difficulty of getting at the other retiring officers one of whom is in business out of town,

As Messrs Wells Fargo & Co, are determined to charge so exhorbitantly for expressing the Assay Coins, I have concluded to send them by mail, semi-monthly hereafter, if it meets with your approval, and I enclose herewith the Post Masters receipt for Assay pieces for first half of August.

I am satisfied that the Overland Route is now safe, although at a loss however to understand how letters coming this way are so much more irregular than those going East-

I observe that my letters to you, are of late received with regularity, while here, we do not get letters from South of New York sometimes for a week together, and then dates of four or five different days will arrive at once - Your letter of August 31st, (the last but one) was not received until October 2nd. and the last letter of Sept. 20th, was nearly as long on the way, still all the letters appear to get through eventually.

I am glad to be enabled to announce that the Treasurer received on the 29th. Inst. a Draft for $68.989.42 in honor of Requisition for the current quarter, Nothing has yet been heard of Draft to meet the Requisition for $52,858.51, for Second quarter, approved by you March 18th, I presume said Draft never was sent.

I enclose a requisition from the Coiner for half dollar dies, he is now apprehensive that there may not be a sufficient number among the Dies for 1862 (which I suppose have been prepared, and sent ere this, & which I am in daily expectation of receiving) as the amount of Silver work bids fair to continue, and is far larger than that of any previous experience.

The investigation of the cost of working Washoe Bullion has been reported upon by the Melter & Refiner after a thorough trial, and upon his advice I have thought proper to impose a charge of from ½ cent to 3 cents per ounce, (in accordance with the character of the Bullion, determinable by the Assayer & Melter & Refiner), over and above the general charge, on all such bullion as will need extraordinary preparation, This is intended to cover also those deposits of Refined Gold Bullion which contain metals that cause it to become brittle after being alloyed.

I enclose a statement of examination and count at close of October, of money in the hands of the Treasurer.

The Assay Coins before refused to, as sent by mail are

14	Double Eagles	$280.00
2	Half Dollars	1.00
1	Quarter "	25
1	Dime	.10
Total		$281 35 For 1st. to 15th August.

The Treasurer's Bullion a/c for the remainder of the Calendar Quarter is not quite completed, but will be forwarded in a few days.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
Robt J Hovey
Superintendent

To Gov. Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Enclosures.

J. R Snyder late Treasurer - his Bullion a/c for his closing Term - April 1st. to June 5th 1861 - inclusive, comprising Sheets marked A to W. inclusive, with the following vouchers Viz:

Superintendents Transfer Warrants Nos 30 to 48 (both inclusive) and Nos 49. 50. 51 and 52, the former, directing the transfer between the operative officers and the Treasurer, and the latter warranting the transfer of balances in the hands of the retiring Treasurer Snyder - to D. W. Cheesman Esq his successor.

Also receipt of D. W. Cheesman Treasurer, for Receipts of the late Superintendent to the late Treasurer for Assay Coins delivered him, amounting to $5945.55. which with the receipt for $980 - of Assay Coins delivered by the late Treasurer, which I understand by your letter of Aug 31st. that you have, will cover the balances against the late Treasurer for Assay Coins account. All the other vouchers necessary were forwarded to the First Auditor of the Treasury, by Steamer of 20th. July -

Statement of monthly examination and Count -
Coiners Requisition
Post Masters Receipt for Assay Coins first half of August

Mint of the United States.
Phil.a Dec 3. 1861

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter of the 2nd ult.o also. two packages of Assay Coins by Mail (supposed to be for the month of August last)

In view of the unsettled state of affairs and difficulties prevailing in a portion of the Eastern country through which the overland Mail passes, I am of the opinion that it is hardly safe to send the Assay Coins by Mail. I have Coins had therefore better be sent by Wells Fargo & Co.s Express, notwithstanding the increased charge made therefor.

The keys you desire requested, are in course of preparation and will be furnished at an early day.

The additional charge of from one half cent to 3 cents per ounce, on certain descriptions of Market bullion, is approved. As I have made some recent modifications in the Tariff of charges at the Mint & Assay Office, New York, I will thank You to furnish me with a detailed statement of the Tariff of Mint charges on Gold and Silver deposits at Your Branch Mint. I need this in order to complete our printed pamphlet.

Robert Stevens Esq
Supt Br. Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

From To

R. J. Stevens Esq

Supt. Br Mint

San Francisco

Cal

2 pack 2 ages assay

Coins by mail act 2d

There coins to be sent

by Express hereafter

additional charge

of 1/2 ct to 3 cts

per oz on Harbor

Bullion authorized

—

Also J. R. Snyder

Cal Fees rendered

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Dec 3. 1861

Correspondence

Branch Mints

December. 1861

Mint of the United States.
Philada. Nov. 4. 1861.

Sir,

I transmit to-day to the Register of the Treasury, the Estimates of the appropriations required for the support of the Mint, the Branch Mint San Francisco, and the Assay Office New York, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1863, and in accordance with the usual custom, I herewith enclose for your information a copy of these Estimates together with the grounds upon which the same are founded. I refer you to the latter for explanation in relation to any of the items of appropriation embraced in the Estimates.

I have the honor to be,
With great Respect,
Your obedient Servant
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia Nov. 4th 1861.

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in Your circular letter of the 17th September last, I present herewith the Estimates of Appropriations required for the support of the Mint, the Branch Mint at San Francisco, and the Assay Office, New York, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1863. A copy of these Estimates, together with the grounds upon which the same are founded, will be sent to the Secretary of the Treasury to day.

Very Respectfully,
A. Patterson
Director of the Mint.

L. E. Chittenden Esq
Register of the Treasury,
Washington City

To Register of
Treasury
Washington City

Annual Estimates
for Fiscal year
ending June 30. 1863
transmitted

Nov 5. 1861

November

Treasury Department
Nov 6th 1861

Sir,

Herewith please find copy of Mr Victor Smith's report on the Branch Mint at San Francisco and the accompanying papers, as asked for in your letter of the 29th ult.

I am very respt
Geo Harrington
Asst Sec Treasury

James Pollock. Esq
Director of the Mint
Phila.

From Sec

~~Sup. Ct.~~ Sec Treasury

Copy of report of
Special Agt Smith
on N. Atl. Coast
Francisco. Enclosed
Purpose transmitted
Supt. Coast
Wages 2 Oct

Aug 7. 1861

Nov 7. 1.

Sir,

In the "Grounds of Estimate" item, "Wages of Workmen at the Depots", Schedule C, I have omitted to You on the 5th inst. You will perceive that a reduction of 25 per cent in the rate of Wages at the Branch Mint, San Francisco, is contemplated. In view of this fact and the data furnished by Mr Smith, Special Agt, in his Report, a copy of which I received from You this morning, I presume, if the Department has not already made an order on the subject, to instruct Mr. Stevens, the Superintendent, to make on the 1st proximo, a reduction of 25 per ct. on the rate of Wages paid at that Branch hereafter, and to furnish me with a detailed statement of the persons engaged there at and the duties performed by each employee, with the rate of compensation after the above reduction has been made. When this statement is received, I will be better prepared to determine whether there ought to be a further reduction in the rates of

wages, and also, whether some of the employés cannot be dispensed with, without detriment to the proper discharge of business at the Branch Mint.

If convenient, I should be pleased to receive your reply by Saturday the 9th inst, on which day my letter to the Dept must be closed in order to be forwarded by the steamer which leaves New York on the 11th inst.

Please the honorable,
With great respect,
Your obedient Servant.
J. P. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City

Copy

Engravers Department

Mint of the United States Phila Nov. 6. 1861.

Working dies for the Branch Mint at San Francisco for the year 1862 c furnished by the Engraver, as below

one box containing

Gold	4	Double Eagle	Obverse	in cases marked 1. 2.
"	2	Eagle	do	" 3.
"	2	Half Eagle	do	" 4.
"	2	Quarter Eagle	do	" 5.
"	2	Gold Dollar	Reverse	" 6.
"	2	Three Dollar	do	" 7.
Silver	2	Dollar	Obverse	" 8.
"	4	Half Dollar	do	" 9, 10.
"	2	Quarter Dollar	do	" 11.
"	2	Dime	do	" } 12, 13, in pairs
"	2	do	Reverse	" }

In all 26 working dies

(signed) James B. Longacre

Engr.

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Office, 341 Chestnut Street,
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MARKS.	No.	PACKAGES.	POUNDS.	Ft.	In.
Superintendent Branch Mint San Francisco Cal	One	Box			
Contents not known					

Shipper's No.

San Francisco, Cal.

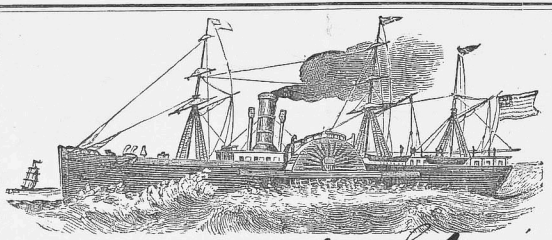
ORIGINAL.

For the Proprietors, G Field

Wells, Fargo & Co

Nov. 6, 1861

SIBELL, Stationer, 12 Wall Street, N. Y.



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Insured to SAN FRANCISCO, for $ ——— at ——— per cent.,

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Superintendent Branch Mint San Francisco Cal	One	Box			
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DUPLICATE.

San Francisco, Cal.

For the Proprietors, G Fiely

SIBELL, Stationer, 12 Wall Street, N. Y.

Wells, Fargo Co
Nov. 6. 1869

(Copy) Original sent to U.S. L. Nov 27/61

Treasury Department
Nov 8 1861.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your communication, dated the 4th inst, in relation to the augmentation of the salaries of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, and the course so far taken is approved.

The further steps proposed by you will meet with the approval of this Department, provided they are satisfactory to the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco —

I am very respectfully
(Sig) S P Chase
Sec of the Treasy

Jas Pollock Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

The reference in the Directors letter was to "Wages of Workmen" not salaries & seems to be explained above Underhand.

From the Treasury

In relation to proposed
reduction of 25 per ct
in Pay of Wages
paid at the
Mint San Francisco

Nov 3, 1861

November 1861

New York, November 8th 1861.

Sir.

Mr Stevens, Supt Branch Mint at San Francisco has telegraphed me to have forwarded, "Three half dollar Dies, (Obverse)".

The reason of the order coming through me, instead of to you, is because the Superintendent telegraphed me in relation to some business of the deceased Col Baker, and the requisition for the dies was embodied in the same dispatch to save expense.

Respectfully Your
Obedient Servt

Robert J. Stevens,
Supt

By Wm Wilkins
Chf Clk

To Gov. Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

From,

Wm Willis Esq
Clerk 69 Regt,
Br. Mun Gen Thomas's
dated N.Y. Nov 8/61

Requesting half dollar
din

Aug. 1861,

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, U.S. 1861.

Sir,

The Department thinks it best, under all the circumstances, that the Contract with Messrs Judson & Co for supplying your Branch Mint with acids, should be entered into for one year, and that proposals for supplies thereafter, should be invited in time to give the successful bidder an opportunity to make the necessary preparations for furnishing the acids. You will therefore please execute a contract with Egbert Judson & Co. & N. Shapard for supplies of acid, for one year from the 14th Sept. 1861. on the same terms and at the rates stipulated in the contract for three years, which is herewith returned. The advertisement for proposals for acid to be supplied after the 14th Sept. next should be made by the 15th of March 1862. I enclose for your information, a copy of the communication from the Department, in relation to the contract in question.

Endorsed You will please find a statement of the Dies for the Year 1862, forwarded to you by the present Steamer, for the use of your Br. Mint.

I received this morning a letter from Wm Wells Esq N.Y. stating that he had received a telegraph from you requesting "three half dollar dies (obverse)" to be forwarded. As we are approaching the close of the year and four half dollar dies for 1862 being included in the box of dies above referred to,

I have concluded not to send the same this present year.

I enclose Bill of Lading for fused borax and fire clay shipped to You. per "Abel Rooth" on the 26th. inst.

I furnish for Your information, a copy of so much of the "Grounds of Estimate" recently sent to the Register Sec. of the Treasury, as relates to the item of Wages of Workmen employed at Your institution. In my next communication I shall probably present some suggestions in relation to the proposed reduction of rate of Wages paid at Your institution.

Very Respectfully,
James Brooks, Director,
by H. L. Linderman

Robt. J. Stearns Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

To
Supt. Pr. Coast
San Francisco,
Cal.

Contract with Judson & Co.
to be made for one year,
and advertisement for
continuance ~~as directed~~
made in time to allow
Engineer Officer
an opportunity to erect
Coast Works,
Proposals received in
Duplicate

Bill Lading for
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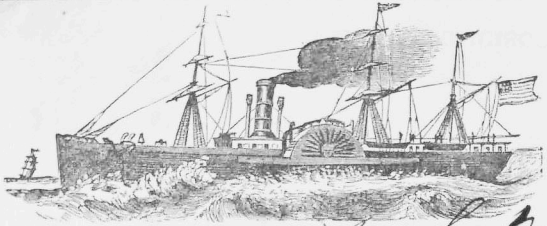
forwarded

Nov 9, 1861,



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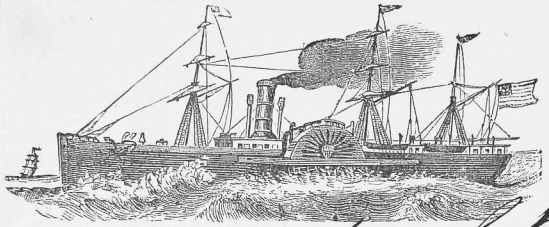

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For the Proprietors, A Sieg

SIBELL, Stationer, 12 Wall Street, N. Y.

Wells, Fargo & Co

Nov. 9, 1861

Copy

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Nov. 11, 1861.

Sir,

Enclosed You will please find a Quarterly Statement of the Expenditures of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, Cal^{a} for the Quarter ending September 30, 1861.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect

Your Obt. Servt,

James Pollock,

Director.

per H. R. Linderman

Hon. S. P. Chase,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington City,

To.

Sec. Treasury

Washington City

Quarterly Statement

Expenditures Pr.

Mint San Francisco

for 1st. in Fiscal

Year enclosed.

Nov 11, 1861.

Superintendent's Office

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., Nov. 11th 1861

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 9th. October - with enclosures as stated - My official Bond I returned on the 7th, properly amended.

I send to day the Treasurers Bullion a/c for the balance of the 2nd. Calendar quarter i-e- from June 6th to 29th - with the Transfer Warrants, The rest of the Vouchers necessary were sent to the 1st. Auditor by steamer of 20th. July.

I enclose the Post Masters Receipt for assay coins of the latter half of August.

13 Double Eagles	$260
2 Eagles	20
2 Half Eagles	10
8 Half Dolls	4.

Total $294. Aug. 15th. to 31st. Incl.

(These were sent on the 7th)

The matter of the acid Contract with Mr. R.E. Cole - I shall write you fully about as soon as I receive the letter from Mr. Rankin the Collector, stating the result

of our interviews with Mr. Cole for the purpose of ascertaining his intention and ability to supply acid to the Branch according to his contract. should an extension of three months time be granted him.

Mr. Cole far from wishing an extension of time is anxious to be relieved of the contract as are his sureties also.

Mr. Smith the former special agent of the Department is I am informed now located at Port Townsend as collector – Mr. Rankin only returned from a business trip to San Pedro on Friday last the (8th inst) and the first interview took place on the following day.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt servant

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent

To
Gov. James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

From To

T. L. Smith Esq

First Auditor

Washington

Dec 10. 1

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter of the 11th ult: with the enclosures stated.

I forward by Express to day, to Your address a box containing Six pair of heavy woolen blankets, for 1862.

Very Respectfully.

Asst. Adjt. Genl

Asst. Adjt. Genl

Capt. R. J. Stevens Esq.
Capt. Co. Mil't.
San Francisco.
Cal.

Sent To

Supt. Pr Mint

San Francisco

Cal.

Assay Com's Letter

transmitting Fineness

Gross Bullion a/s

Dem 5th 1/2 Eagle

transmitted. —

as follows

and by Summit

Ends

Dec 10, 1861

Deposits

1861

Working dies for the Branch Mint at San Francisco
furnished by the Engraver December 5th 1861

One box containing as follows

6 Half Dollar dies Obverse
6 do. " Reverse } in pairs marked 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

in all 12 dies —

James B. Longacre
Engr.

Mint of the U. S. Philad.a Dec. 5. 1861 —

Superintendent's Office,

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., Nov 12th 1860.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a communication from Mr. Garnett, Melter & Refiner of this Branch, relative to his experience and observations on the subject of bullion in refined Gold.

I Remain Sir,

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Wm. A. Thompstead.

Superintendent

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A. Pope Snowden Esq

Director U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

From to
Supt Br. Calvert
San Francisco
Cal.a

Requisition for
$8,000 for Expenses
2r ending March
31. 1861

Chas corresponding
to Expenses of making
bullion suitable for
coinage may be
imposed on bullion
sold of 950 fine
Dec 19. 1860.

Melter & Refiner's Office

U. S. Branch Mint, San Francisco,

12th November 1860

Sir

I have read the letter of the Director in reply to your letter, inclosing my own of the 16th August last, & regret to find that he has totally misapprehended the object of that letter, and has consequently failed to give the desired information.

My only object was, to obtain the Director's Construction of the law & instructions, as to the power of the Officers of this Institution to impose a charge for toughening, when the bullion required it, or to exercise such other authority in the premises, as might be necessary to protect the government against deficient or undesirable bars in this Department.

It is claimed that a depositor has the right to deposit gold ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ of any fineness above 950, and that the officers of this institution have no authority to impose any charge, other, than that of ½ of 1% for Coinage, no matter what may be the condition of the bullion. Is this so? As I foresee, that as long as the present refining continues the use of Sulphuric acid, this difficulty will be of frequent, if not constant occurrence, I have again to request some specific advise upon this point.

It may not be irrelevant to add, that Prof. Booth

Mr misapprehended the nature of the difficulty, which his explanation was intended to obviate. As far back as the summer of '58, when the Bankers of this city depreciated the Current value of foreign Silver Coins then in circulation here, I encountered this same difficulty in attempting to use the base South American Coins in granulation

I made a number of Experiments at the time, & satisfied myself of the nature of the difficulty; & did not fail to recognize it at once, & in a more aggrivated form, upon my first attempt to use Nashoe Silver for a similar purpose. It was in Consequence of my own experience upon this point, that I urged Mr Justh not to attempt to use in his refinery. He insisted however, upon making one experiment which he did but which he never repeated. It was in Consequence of the result of this experiment, that he wrote to Prof Booth upon the subject, which however, was several months Anterior to the heavy losses sustained by me.

The whole difficulty with Mr Justh's Gold is in my opinion owing to lead. I have found his gold to be extremely brittle (with Copper) when as high as 994 & when it must have Contained at least .004 or .005 of Silver This is owing principally to the impurity of the acid he uses. I learn however from gentlemen who have been personally Connected with Refineries both in Europe & mexico that they very often experience this same difficulty in those Countries & seems to some Extent inherent in the process.

I will, some time, as a matter of mutual

satisfactim, exchonge views with Prof. Booth upon the subject of Antimony — From the want of a test furnace, I have been compelled to pursue an entirely different course from that recommended by him, which has given me great satisfactim

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt

Louis A. Garnett

Melter & Refiner

H. E. H. Hempstead Esq
Supt &c

Superintendent's Office

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., Nov 20th 1860. ~~185~~

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 19th inst.

I herewith enclose a requisition, some of the items being in blank, for the 1st Quarter 1861. I estimate the total amount required as approximating the sum of $ 80.000. and would respectfully request that before transmission to the Department you fill the blanks as heretofore, out of the Annual appropriation and the balances due us arising from profits of this institution.

I also enclose a printed Copy of Notice of closing this Branch on the 28th inst. for Annual Settlement & Repairs.

I expect to re-open on or about the first of January next.

I beg to re-call your attention to my letter of the 20th August last, asking for instructions or suggestions

relative to the receipt of Refined Gold, the brittleness of which has occasioned no considerable wastage in the manufacture of Ingots and the making of Coin.

I hope to be able to transmit to you, early in December a statement of the results of the Annual Settlement, and am confident that they will as heretofore, be satisfactory.

I have the honor to remain
Very Respectfully
Your Obd.t Servt.
M. D. Ormsbee
Superintendent

J. Ross Snowden Esq.r
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Philad.a Dec 19. 1860.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th ult.o with the enclosures &c &c.

Your requisition for $1000, to meet the expenses of the quarter ending March 31, 1861. has been forwarded to the department with my approval.

With respect to the point presented by the Melter & Refiner of your institution, in his communication to you of the 12th ult.o I have to remark that, whatever expenses are incurred in rendering the bullion suitable for coinage should be charged by a corresponding charge to the depositor. The extent of this charge, under all the circumstances of this case, I leave to your discretion. In your next letter you will please state

What charge you have deemed it
expedient to impose.

Very Respectfully,
James Rolph Chronister
Director of the Mint

Charles H. Hempstead Esq
Supt. Br. Mint,
San Francisco,
Cal.

Superintendent's Office,

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., Nov 15th 1861.

Sir:

I have the honor to enclose herewith the remainder of the regular monthly statements & returns for the month of October — viz:

1. Statement of Gold Deposits & Coinage for the month
2. " " Silver " " " " "
3. " " Deposits remaining Unpaid at close "
4. " Condition of Br Mint " " "
5. Letter of the Treasurer enclosing Certificate for passing charge of month of Octo trans[mitte]d to U.S. Asst Treasurer.

The "Golden Fleece" with 75 Carboys of Acid for this Br has at last arrived, & the Acid which seems in good order will be delivered on Monday (18th) — Had the Branch been dependent on this alone it would have been closed for just about one month — the consumption of September & October amounted to 594 Carboys of Acid —

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent

To
Gr James Pollock
Director Mint of the U.S.
Philadelphia

Superintendent's Office,

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., November 18th 1861.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of 19th. Oct. by Steamer, with enclosures as stated, which only came to hand to day.

In relation to the charges upon Washed Bullion, as I have reported in my letter of- 2d. Ult. having ascertained on fuller examination that this class of deposits varied considerably in the amount of labor and expense they involved, I thought proper to make a descriminative charge varying from one half-cent the minimum up to three cents per oz. gross the maximum price levied in accordance with the character of the Deposit - and determinable by the Assayer and Melter & Refiner - this charge to be imposed in addition to the regular tariff - I submit herewith a copy of notice that I caused to be posted in the receiving room

Notice!

On and after the 15th, Inst. a charge, varying in accordance with the character of the Deposit, from one

half cent to three cents per oz gross, in addition to the general rates, will be imposed on all Bullion deposited for Coinage or manufacture, which will require toughening or extra refining, to render it suitable for Mint purposes.

Signed

Robt J. Stevens

Superintendent.

I was induced to hasten the promulgation of this Charge on account of the complaints of the Melter and Refiner, not only against the frequent deposits of base Washoe Bullion, requiring unusual amounts of acid, as well as extra time and fluxes - but also against some of the deposits of refined Gold Bullion, from the Refinery of Messrs Kellogg and Newston, which from alleged carelessness upon their part, is not properly prepared at the time it is deposited in the Branch - This defect shews itself after the alloy is added by the Melter and Refiner, preparatory to coinage, as has been previously explained; and in order to remedy it, "toughening" is required - One of the objects of the foregoing charge is to protect the government against the extra expense thus involved by rendering the Refinery people more careful in the preparation of these deposits, and by prohibiting the baser sort of Washoe Bullion,

unless parties interested accept the alternative.

The charge for "toughening" when necessary, though imposed on occasion at the Parent Mint has never been in force here, it is, nevertheless a legal charge whether imposed separately or under the comprehensive commensurate charge customary in this Branch.

The Melter and Refiner states that he has made the fullest investigations into the matter of "brittle" gold and after repeated experiments is convinced that the defect exists alone in the gold from the refinery when presented, owing to the presence of some base metal not diminated by the sulphuric process in use there.

The Branch will be glad to hear from the Draft in honor of Requisition for Expenses of quarter ending June 30th. to which I am pleased to learn that you have again desired the attention of the Department.

The Corrosive Sublimate and Salt Petre arrived in good order, and corresponding to receipts.

The letter to Mr. Wiegand was handed to him.

Mr Martin's Bond was also given him, and will be returned as soon as it is perfected.

In looking over the returns sent you on the 15th. ult. I find an error in the "Statement" of Silver Purchased parted and coined during October, will you please have it destroyed, and substitute the one I now enclose.

To

Gov. James Pollock
Director of the U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia
Penn

Very Respectfully
Your Obd't Servant
Robt J Stevens
Superintendent

From
Robt. J. Stevens
Supt Br. Mint
San Francisco
Cal.
Nov 13 + 18th

Statement endorsed, —
arrival of Shipment
of Coin

Charge of 1 box
Coin on Washoe
Silver
Dec 18th 1861

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
December 13th 1861

Hon. James Pollock
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir,

The box containing the Bullion accounts for the 2nd Quarter 1861, of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco Cal. is received.

Very Respectfully

T. L. Smith
Auditor

From

L. L. Smith Esq
1st Auditor
Treasury Dept

Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Lawd Spaulding
Asst.

Dec 13, 1861.

Melter and Refiner's Office

U. S. Branch Mint, San Francisco,

Dec 12 ~~D 18~~ 1861

P. J. Stevens Esq

Superintendent

Dear Sir

You will recollect we received some time ago, an invoice via Panama of Blacklead Crucibles of the Dixon manufacture; these pots have always had the noted reputation of being superior to any other make, but I am sorry to say that the last invoice has not equalled in quality, or size the former crucible shipped to our Branch Mint of the Dixon brand.

The above lot are by no means to durable, from the fact that the bottoms of the pots are thinner, & the stock from which ~~the~~ they are manufactured does not seem to stand the heat well; when com-

pared with others of the same manufacture —

From some reason the lids are quite rotten and will not stand the heat at all — but split in the centre without the least reason except from damage or poor stock — they are perfectly worthless and handly any account whatever

Very Respectfully
Yours
W. S. Genio
Miller & Refiner

Superintendent's Office,

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., Decr 17th 1861.

Sir:

I was disappointed in my expectations of receiving a letter by the last steamer - I had hoped to hear from you in relation to the reduction of wages &c, as was promised in your last - In answer to letters addressed the heads of departments in this Branch requesting their views on the subject of reduction of force and wages I have met with unqualified objections, they insist that no reduction of either nature is admissible at this time - Under these circumstances I have delayed action the more especially as I have had reason to expect "instructions" more or less definite on this head - I shall however delay no longer but shall immediately issue instructions to have the pay rolls made out at a reduced rate - for the present at a decrease of one dollar per diem and proportionally or nearly so on the monthly wages.

I have concluded to ship the Sweep of 1860, and 1861 - 125 Barrels in all, on the same vessel, "Neptunes Car" (the "Enterpé" having been withdrawn) which will sail they say in about a week. They are plainly marked

so that there can be no mistaking them – I enclose separate statements of the Sweep of each year giving the gross weight at the time they were Barrelled, and the same weight as they were re-weighed at shipment, as well as the tare, & value, of silver and gold contained.

The sweep of 1860, amount to 75 Bbls
containing at re-weighing 30,978 lbs net, in which
per assay there is value in gold & silver $5.185.11

The sweep of 1861 amount to 50 Bbls
containing at re-weighing 21,685 lbs net, in which
per assay there is value in gold & silver $4.220.44

I have had them insured here, and they are consigned to your address deliverable at New York. I enclose Bill of Lading herewith.

The Assay Coins of this Branch received up to 15th Sept. last, were sent by Overland Mail, since that time I have sent by Steamer, through Wells Fargo & Co.s Express and shall continue so to send them for the present.

I enclose letter from the Melter & Refiner complaining of Dixon's black lead pots, which were received Via. Panama. He says

the bottoms are too thin, and the covers are worthless –

It is possible that hereafter the sweep could be sold here in lots of twenty Bbls or so as they accumulate at each settlement. I have had one applicant lately who tells me that he purchases all the sweep from the Refinery & Assay Offices here – I told him I would receive an offer, which he has not yet made. If they can be thus sold advantageously and you consider it advisable, please give me your opinion as to the proper manner of disposing of them – it would not answer to sell them at auction as there is so far as I now know but one purchaser – Perhaps a certain per centage under the assay value could be fixed upon. I suppose it would be better not to sell any lot of sweep until the settlement for the term during which they were delivered, has been completed.

On account of the inundation of the Interior country which has almost stopped the Bullion receipts here, which have been unusually large for this season, I have thought it proper to advertise the close for the annual settlement, to take place on the 31st. Inst. without waiting for your answer to my letter of the 15th Oct. I shall write more fully on this subject in my next.

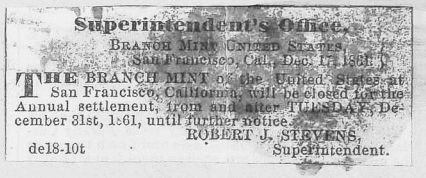
Very Respectfully, Your Obt Servant –

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent

Gov James Pollock
Director U.S. Mint
Phila

Enclosures.

Letter from Treasurer enclosing Certificate of Parting Chg - transfd
Statement of the Condition of the Mint at close of November.
Statement of Deposits remaining Unpaid at close of November
Statement of Gold deposited and coined during mo. of Nov.r
Statement of Silver Purchased Parted and Coined do do
Statement of Sweep of November 1860.
Statement of Sweep of 1861 - (Jany 1st to June 30th)
Letter of Melter and Refiner.
Bill of Lading of Sweep of 1860-1- (125 Bbls) pr "Neptune's Car"



Superintendent's Office.

BRANCH MINT UNITED STATES,
San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 17, 1861.

THE BRANCH MINT of the United States at San Francisco, California, will be closed for the Annual settlement, from and after TUESDAY, December 31st, 1861, until further notice.

ROBERT J. STEVENS,
Superintendent.

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Superintendent's Office,

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., December 31st 1861.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th Nov.

My course regarding the conduct of the present annual settlement corresponds with the views you have expressed in regard thereto. The Branch closes to day and I look forward with interest to the ascertainment of the results which will be shown by the first six months working of the Institution under the new administration.

As regards reduction of force & wages I have written you in my last as to my intention, and I see no prospect of an immediate change in those views. Some of the operative officers are requesting that the men's wages should be raised! If I can arrange matters so that a warehouse can be procured central & contiguous to the Branch instead of the one now in use, I think I might reduce the force somewhat from that fact. I must manage I suppose to keep within the estimates.

In regard to the irregularity of the Packages of Assay pieces, I delayed sending them for the reason that the Instructions require them to be sent by

Mail, monthly". The Overland route seemed so insecure that I hesitated to send them, and finally, after waiting some time to hear from you, concluded to decrease the risk by sending them fortnightly by mail. Since the 1st inst & hereafter, I shall send them by Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, until further notice. The Apay Coins for this month, with a statement of the "Apay Coins" of the Year 1861, shall be sent by Steamer of the 11th prox.

Mr Weigand has several times desired me to authorize the building of a "private laboratory" on the roof of this building. I have failed to see the propriety of this innovation, for various reasons, & have declined to accede to his request. He has desired me to submit the matter to you, and I now do so in accordance with my promise to him. I enclose his requisition for one "Miller Stove Coal Mouffle Furnace to be sent via Cape Horn.

The Box containing the a/cs & Vouchers of the Treasurer for the Quarter ending Septr 30. 1861, was received & forwarded to day by me through Wells, Fargo & Co's Express to T. L. Smith Esqr 1st Auditor. Please forward the enclosed letter to him.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servant.

Robt J. Snowden
Superintendent.

Hon Jas. Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Jones & Co.

Supt Ry Mail

San Francisco

17th & 31 Dec 61

Jan 31. 1862

Annual Settlement

Shipment of Stamps

Requisition from

Judson & Co for

Supplying Mail

Agents Rendered

January 31. 2.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your letters of the 17th. and 31st. ult.o with the enclosures stated.

With respect to the reduction of Wages at Your institution. I repeat what I stated in a former letter, viz: that the subject is left to Your discretion.

I notice Your remarks in relation hereafter to the sale of Your Sweeps at San Francisco and coincide with You in the opinion that the same would be preferable to shipping them to New York, provided a satisfactory price can be obtained. You may invite a proposition from the applicant referred to in Your letter, or any other parties desirous of making an Offer for the purchase of the Sweep, in lots of say, twenty Bbls., at a certain per centage under the value as ascertained by the Branch Mint Assay. If any offers are received, You will please transmit them to me with Your views thereon.

The proposition of Judson & Co., for supplying the Branch Mint, with acids, for three years from the 14th. Sept. last, has been transmitted to the Department with my favorable recommendation.

I enclose herewith Statement of account with Your Treasurer to 31st. December ult°. also vouchers for the items charged therein. The account exhibits a balance of $467.03 to the credit of Your Treasurer.

I have the honor to be,
very Respectfully, Your Obt Svt.
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint

Robt. J. Stevens Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint.
San Francisco.
Calª

Dr. James Pollock, Director of the Mint

1861		Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents
May 14	To Cash received from L. R. Snowden late Director			467	48½

467 48½

Balance to credit of the Treasurer of the United States
Mint San Francisco Dec 31. 1861 $467.00

in account with the Treasurer of the Branch Mint San Francisco Cr.

1861.			Dollars Cents	Dollars Cents
July 24	By cash paid Charles Fred. Leunig for acids:			
		Voucher No. 1	606 43	
		" " 2	1040 54	1647 97
Sept 27	By cash paid Jos. Dixon & Co. for crucibles &c	Voucher 3	764 50	
October 18	By cash paid T. ell. Perot & Co. for Borax	" 4	505 00	
" 24	By cash paid John L. Harris & Co.	" 5	411 42	
" 31	By this Amount in Silver Coin, forwarded per instructions of Supt. Sept 16. 1861	Voucher 6	500 00	
November 25	By cash paid Charles & Fred. Leunig for fuse, borax & pipe clay.	Voucher 7	299 92	
Dec 20	By cash paid H. Drummer for Weights.	Voucher 8	8000	2560 84
				4.674 81

Superintendent's Office,

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., Nov 2 9th 1857.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 31st, by Steamer, with enclosures as stated.

I return herewith the Official Bond of B. J. Martin as Assistant Assayer, he having signed the same, and taken the oath of office before the proper United States Officer. in accordance with your instructions.

By the Steamer of tomorrow I forward through Wells Fargo & Co's. Express the Assay Coins of this Branch received during the latter half of the month of September, to wit:

10 Double Eagles	$200.
8 Half Dollars	4.
1 Dime	.10
	$204.10

Also those received during the month of October.

Viz: 20 Double Eagles	$400.	
22 Half Dollars	11.	
2 Quar Dollars	.50	411.50
Total.		$615.60

These are taken by agreement with W. M Lane, the agent of the Company at 1% per centum; on a transportation receipt, which I herewith enclose - I do not insure them as it has never been customary - I now propose to send them by this medium, as you seem to consider it the most safe and reliable until I receive further advices from you, or until I feel fully satisfied of the permanent regularity of the Overland Mail Route.

I shall endeavor to get the Sweep of 1860 shipped on the "Euterpe", which will sail about the last of next week, and the Sweep of 1861, up to the time of the closing settlement of the lately retiring officers, (June 29th.) shipped a fortnight later. that is, by the next vessel. They will be insured as usual, and consigned to your address, deliverable at New York.

I note your recommendation of the acceptance of the offer of "Vulcan Foundry Co" to lend a place in this building, and put up the machine for grinding rolls. Before this is done I shall cause a written agreement to be drawn up and signed by Mr. Forquet, the Agent of said Company, a copy of which I shall forward you.

The Treasurer received the $500. in half dimes, sent by Wells Fargo & Co. Express.

I have notified Messrs Judson & Co, that you have received the Contract made with them for supplying this Branch with acids, and transmitted it to the Department, with your recommendation, in favor of the approval of the same.

To Gov James Pollock,
Director of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia
Penn'a

Very Respectfully
Your obd't Servant

Robt J Dexter

Superintendent.

Treas U.S.

Robt. J. Stevens

Supt. B. Mint

San Francisco

Cal.

Assay Com's letter daily

of Sept 2nd & Oct 1st

forwarded, Receipt

ack. Official Bond

of B. F. Marshall

Asst. Assayer

enclosed.

Bill of Lading

for bullion

forwarded

Dec 31, 1861

Dec 31. 61.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ult. with the enclosures stated, also, a package said to contain the coins presented at your institution, during the latter half of the month of September last and the whole of the succeeding month for the Annual Assay.

I have approved and transmitted to the Department the official Bond of Benj. F. Marten Asst. Assayer of your Branch Mint.

Enclosed you will please find Bill of Lading, for seven casks of bullion, consigned to you on the 11th inst. per Clipper, "Mary Robinson" being part of your Melter & Refiner's order of 31st August last.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
Wm. Millegan
Director of the Mint

Robt. J. Stevens Esq.
Supt. U.S. Mint
San Francisco.

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Nov. 30. 1861.

Sir.

The Seals and Witness to the Official Bond of Robert J. Stevens Esq. as Superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, Cal. having been supplied, the Bond is herewith transmitted for Your approval

I have to be
Your respect
obt. Servant

Director of the Mint

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To
The Sec Treasury

Enclosing Official
Bond of Robt J Stevens
Supt Bu. Atomic Law
Pamphlets, Seals &
Vignettes Supplied

Nov 30. 1861

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
December 4, 1861

James H. Walton Esq
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Your account per
Report 142209 for disbursements on account of
Branch Mint San Francisco has been adjusted
at the Treasury and there has been found
due to the United States a balance of $99.15

Which agrees with your statement.

Respectfully Yours
Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller.

Superintendent's Office,

Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., December 10th 1867.

Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Nov. 9th, with enclosures as stated, by Steamer- by which I learn that the Department thinks it best under all the circumstances that the contract with Messrs Judson & Co. for supplying acid should be entered into for one year from the 14th. Sept. 1867, on the same terms and at the same rates stipulated in the contract for three years.

On receipt of said letter, I sent for Messrs Judson & Co, requesting an interview - Mr. Shepard, of that firm, called to represent them - I acquainted him with the decision of the Department, and the return of the contract unapproved, and stated your instructions to contract for one year, at the same rate as specified in the unaccepted contract for three years - Mr. Shepard was much surprised and chagrined, and referred me to the terms of the proposal of Judson & Co, the basis of said contract; which "if for one years" supply, were to be at the rate of "12½ cts. for Nitric, and four cents for Sulphuric Acid."

I referred him to my instructions - and appointed Monday (yesterday) to conclude the matter and close the new contract. He stated his willingness to go on with the supply at present, but wished more time before answering definitely as to the contract for one year at eleven cents -

I have the impression that he will consent to enter into the contract as stipulated in your letter - although he is now greatly dissatisfied - I shall demand a positive answer within a reasonable time, and shall inform you of the result in my next Communication.

The 125 Carboys per "Haze," are being discharged today.

Of the 75 Carboys, per "Golden Fleece" - I have had some two or three tried, which prove very good - I find by a calculation of cost and expenses, that this acid costs the government a fraction over one eighth of a cent more, when put down here, than the price now being paid to Judson & Co.

I enclose monthly statement of examination and count of money, in the hands of the Treasurer on the 30th. November. Also. Requisition for the expenses of the First Quar. of 1862.

Abs- Wells Fargo & Co's transportation receipt for $488.- Assay coins of November.

Viz;

22 Double Eagles	$440.00
2 Eagles	20. "
3 Half Eagles	15. "
26 Half Dollars	13. "
	$488.00

The Draft for $52,858,51, to meet Requisition for 2nd. quar. 1861, was received by the Treasurer of this Branch on the 5th. inst.

The box of working dies for 1862 was received & delivered to the Coiner, who reports them as corresponding with the statement of the Engraver, Mr. Longacre - he regrets the non-arrival of the half dollar head dies for 1861, ordered by telegraph through Mr. Willis - I have however examined the dies on hand, and although they are not as perfect as might be, owing to much use, I am satisfied that by selecting the best of them for use, we can get through the year with them, without any inconvenience, more particularly as the demand for this Coinage is diminishing.

Your letter states that the enclosed Bill of Lading for Mint Post calls for fused Borax, and Fire Clay - I see by said Bill of Lading - "Seven packages merchandize" only are mentioned - I take it therefore that the 12 Barrels of Fire Clay - asked for by the Coiner on 6th. September last, are not on that vessel.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servant
Robt J Dexter
Superintendent

Hon Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Penn

Aug 13, 1862

January 13. 2.

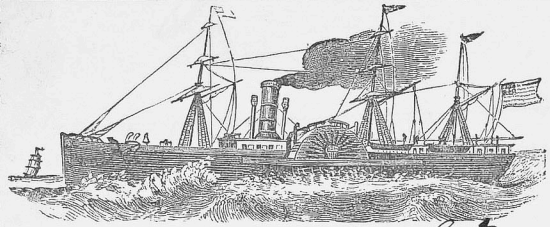
Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter of the 10th. inst. With the enclosures Stated also, a package said to contain the Coins presented at Upon institution during the month of November for the Annual Assay.

Thirty Six Bushels of Fire clay (contained in 6 casks of 3 Bls) were shipped by the "Red Foot"

Very Respectfully,
James Pollock, Director
per H. R. Linderman

Robt. J. Stevens Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
San Francisco,
Cal.



WELLS, FARGO & CO.'S
California Express.

Office, 341 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Dec 10 1861

Received, from U S Mint in apparent good order, the articles marked as below, to be delivered in like order, subject to the agreement now made and hereinafter expressed, to mark at SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. It is agreed, and is part of this contract, that we are not to be responsible for any loss or damage arising from the dangers of the seas, transit of the Isthmus, steam or river navigation, leakage, fire, water, delay, or from any cause whatever, unless the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of ourselves, our agents or servants; it is expected that packages will be made water-proof; we will not be responsible for the contents of any valuable package, unless that value is expressed in the receipt.

Freight to San Francisco, at $ 1/2 ~~per foot.~~ Per Steamer, North Light

Insured to San Francisco, for $ at per cent.,

MARKS.	No.	PACKAGES.	POUNDS.	Ft.	In.
Sup Branch Mint San Francisco Cal	One	Box			

Shipper's No.

San Francisco, Cal.

DUPLICATE.

For the Proprietors, G Freeland

SIBELL, Stationer, 12 Wall Street, N. Y.

Wells, Fargo & Co

Dec. 10th 61

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia Dec 10. 1861.

Sir.

Pursuant to the request contained in your letter of the 29th of August last I instructed the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, Cal. to cause to be forwarded to this office the Bullion account of the late Treasurer Reed, from April 1st to June 5th - the date of his retirement from office, - and the same account of his successor Mr Chapman from June 6th to 30th inclusive. These accounts have been forwarded and I now transmit them to you.

The papers enclosed are as follows:

1. Reed late Treasurer - his Bullion account for his closing term - April 1st to June 5th 1861 inclusive, comprising sheets marked No 1 to 8 inclusive, with the following vouchers, viz: Superintendents Monthly Warrant No 30 to 48 inclusive; and No! 49. 50. 51 and 52, the former showing the transfer between the operating Officers and the Treasurer, and the latter remitting the balance of balances in the hands of the retiring Treasurer Reed, to W. Chapman Esq. his successor: also receipt of W. Chapman Treasurer for receipts of the late Superintendent & the late Treasurer for Assay Coins delivered to him.

amounting to $5745.55.

D. H. Thomas Sergeant his Ballini Account for the balance of the 2nd calendar quarter ie. from June 6th to 29th with the proofs warrants

I also return all the enclosures transmitted with your letter of 22d August last, which were the vouchers retained in your Office, pertaining to the Accounts in question and may be requisite in adjusting the same.

Very Respectfully,
Jas Polloy
Director & Chief Clerk

T. L. Smith Esq.
1st Auditor
Washington City.

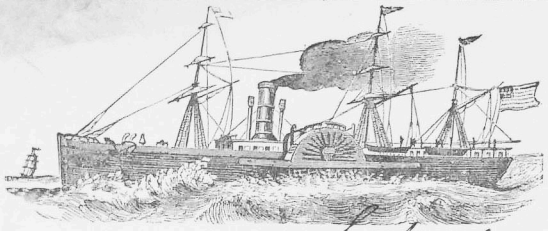
Sir.

L. L. Smith Esq
1st Auditor
Washington City

Duplicate a/cs
Pr Mount Lau Kansas
transmitted.

1. April 15th to Jun 5th 61
2 Jun 6th to " 29
Vouchers

Dec 10. 1861.



WELLS, FARGO & CO.'S
California Express.

Office, 341 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Dec 17 186/

Received, from Supt U S Mint in apparent good order, the articles marked as below, to be delivered in like order, subject to the agreement now made and hereinafter expressed, to Mark at SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. It is agreed, and is part of this contract, that we are not to be responsible for any loss or damage arising from the dangers of the seas, transit of the Isthmus, steam or river navigation, leakage, fire, water, delay, or from any cause whatever, unless the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of ourselves, our agents or servants; it is expected that packages will be made water-proof; we will not be responsible for the contents of any valuable package, unless that value is expressed in the receipt.

Freight to San Francisco, at $ 15^{00} ~~per foot.~~ Per Steamer, Champion

Insured to San Francisco, for $ ——— at ——— per cent.,

MARKS.	No.	PACKAGES.	POUNDS.	Ft.	In.
Branch Mint San Francisco Cal	One	Box			

Shipper's No.

San Francisco, Cal.

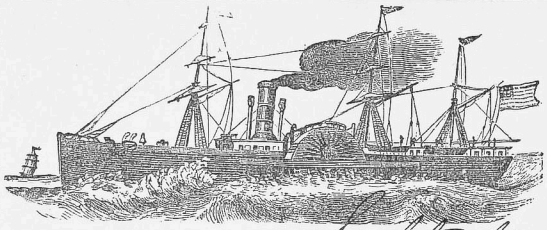
DUPLICATE.

For the Proprietors, A Field

SIBELL, Stationer, 12 Wall Street, N. Y.

Wells, Fargo & Co

Dec. 17, 1861



WELLS, FARGO & CO.'S
California Express.

Office, 341 Chestnut Street,
Philadelphia, Dec 17 186/

Received, from Supt U S Mint in apparent good order, the articles marked as below, to be delivered in like order, subject to the agreement now made and hereinafter expressed, to Mail at SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. It is agreed, and is part of this contract, that we are not to be responsible for any loss or damage arising from the dangers of the seas, transit of the Isthmus, steam or river navigation, leakage, fire, water, delay, or from any cause whatever, unless the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of ourselves, our agents or servants; it is expected that packages will be made water-proof; we will not be responsible for the contents of any valuable package, unless that value is expressed in the receipt.

Freight to San Francisco, at $ 15 00 ~~per foot.~~ Per Steamer, Champion

Insured to San Francisco, for $ ——— at ——— per cent.,

MARKS.	No.	PACKAGES.	POUNDS.	Ft.	In.
Branch Mint San Francisco Cal	One	Box			

Shipper's No.

San Francisco, Cal.

ORIGINAL.

For the Proprietors, G Freig

SIBELL, Stationer, 12 Wall Street, N. Y.

Wells, Fargo & Co

Dec. 17, 1861

Dec 27, 1.

Sir,

I transmit herewith, the Official Bond, of Benjamin F. Alberti, as Assistant Assayer, of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco, Cal.a. which I have accepted to be to my satisfaction

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obt. Servt.
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint

Hon. L. McLane,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City

To.

Sec. Treasury

Washington City

Transmitting with
my approval, official
Bond of Benj. F. Martin
Ass't Assayer B.
Mint San Francisco,
Cal.

Dec 27. 1861

Copy

Superintendent's Office
Branch Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, Cala, December 31st 1861.

Sir.

I was unable in my last letter to communicate anything further in relation to the Acid Contract." – Since then Judson & Co. have made a new proposal for three (3) years supply, which I herewith enclose, – the substance of which is that they offer to furnish Nitric Acid at Eleven, (11), Ten & One half, (10½) and Ten (10) cents per pound for the First, Second & Third Years, respectively, and Sulphuric Acid for the term of Three Years, at Three & One half, (3½) cents, – and that they agree to keep on hand at their own cost and risk, a reserve supply" of Three Hundred (300) Carboys of acid to provide against the fire contingency. The latter is an important consideration which they have embraced in their proposal, in view of the letter of the Hon. Secty. of Octr. 3rd in which he has expressed his dissent to the policy of keeping this "reserve supply" on hand at the cost & risk of the Govmt. He writes therein, "In my opinion, the keeping a large stock of acids in reserve at the Br. Mint, San Francisco is not adapted to the present state of things,' – it appears they deteriorate by long keeping, – and it is desirable to reduce the expenses of that Branch as far as consistent with its efficiency." In addition to this is the fact that if it were not necessary as under the present state of things to have some suitable place to store this acid, – the expense of the present warehouse arrangment might be lessened. Our "Warehouse" consists of three straggling sheds of rough boards not weather proof and insecure, situated on a lot 60 × 170 ft, and a mile or more from this building.

The distance at which it is situated causes considerable expense for Drayage. — There are, also, two employees, — one, a warehouseman, & the other a watchman, at a cost of $100 per month each. The rent of the lot is $100. per Mo., and as its site is fast coming into demand for residences, it will probably soon be sold or held at a higher rental. If the necessity of storing acid in some suburban portion of the city could be precluded in the manner referred to by Judson & Co, I could then get a fire-proof warehouse, central & adjacent to this Building, for much less than is now paid as above stated viz: Wages, Rent and Drayage, say $350. The rent of course, would be much higher, as it would give us a safer proper building, but the items for Wages & Cartage would be dispensed with. Another advantage gained in having the Warehouse contiguous would be in the fact that the operative officers would be more apt to investigate frequently, and know what was on hand at the Warehouse & anticipate in time whatever orders were necessary to be supplied from the East. It has happened sometimes, also, that we have been about to purchase articles that upon inquiry were found to be on hand. In view of these facts. I have been induced to entertain and forward this proposal of Mes. Judson & Co. to the Hon. Secty. of the Treasury with my strong recommendation. I fully believe all the statements contained in the memorial which is appended to the proposal. It must be borne in mind, also, that the price they now offer at is considerably less than the cost of the recent shipments received here. I am now convinced, also, that for competition of bona fide bidders, the Government should give a years time from the advertisement for proposals. This would give about 9 Mos. time after receiving acceptance of bid, for the parties to prepare, which under ordinary circumstances would be none too much. Judson & Co. have been since Sept. 14th and are still supplying this Branch with

Acids at 11 & 3½ cents, and have bound themselves to continue the supply at these rates until they obtain an answer from the Hon. Secty. to the memorial addressed to him, before mentioned. In recommending this proposal of Judson & Co. I have one condition in regard to the reserve supply. I do not think that 300 Carboys would be sufficient at certain busey seasons such as we have just passed thro, and as we are likely to have in certain months, - May & June for instance. From 300 to 500 Carboys, at the option of the Superintendent, would be safer as a reserve supply.

I have the honor to remain
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
(signed) Robt. J. Stevens
Superintendent

Hon James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Letter Robt J. Stevens
Supt Br Mint
San Francisco
Dec 31. 1861

Brevet
Evening Memorial
Indorsed 86 for
Supplying Br Mint
San Francisco Mint
Asst
Ans
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(copy)

To the Hon Sec'y of Treasury,
Washington D.C.

The Undersigned owners of the "San Francisco Chemical Works", and who have been the contractors for supplying the U.S. Branch Mint at San Francisco with acids, since the first day of April 1855, respectfully represent.

That in the Month of July last they submitted to the Supt of the U.S. Branch Mint in San Francisco, a proposal to supply said Mint with acids, for one year at 12½ cents per lb. for Nitric and 4 c. per lb for Sulphuric acid, and for three years, at 11c per lb for Nitric acid, and 3½ per lb for Sulphuric acid.

That on the 13th day of September last, they executed with the Superintendant here, a contract to supply said Mint with acids, for three years, at 11c per lb for Nitric acid and 3½ per lb for Sulphuric acid, that said contract was forwarded to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, where was by him, approved— That in receipt of intelligence of

such approval, forwarded to us by Overland Telegraph, by our agent in the East. being then under urgent necessity of ordering an immediate supply of raw material, to enable us to fulfill our obligations to Government under said Contract - and acting in good faith, we ordered large shipments of stock and fixtures to enable us to fulfill our contract. - That such a course was imperative with us, at that time, in view of the obligations imposed upon us, by the contract, and in view of the following facts, Viz:- All of our raw material has to be imported from abroad, some from New York, and a portion from Peru in South America. between the Ports of which latter State, and San Francisco, there is no ordinary and regular traffic, by Sailing Craft, and therefore for our purposes, we are obliged to charter vessels at this Port, giving them full cargoes on the return voyage. The returns from such charters are usually not made in less than 7 or 8 months. The raw material used by us can not be purchased in the open market here, and we have to depend solely on our importations. The manufactured acid can not be purchased in the open market here, as our Factory is the only one in operation or ever attempted to

be put in operation on this coast, and the importation of acids from abroad has practically ceased for some years. — That we are now informed that when the aforementioned Contract came before your Department for final action it was ordered to be ratified and confirmed for one year, and the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia ordered the Superintendent here, to enter into contract with us for one year at 11¢ per lb for Nitric and 3½¢ per lb for Sulphuric acid — entirely overlooking or leaving out of consideration the fact that we had distinctly named in our bid the increased prices of 12½¢ & 4¢ respectively for Nitric and Sulphuric acids, in view of the increased cost of our stock and fixtures when purchased in smaller quantities and at short notice.

We further represent that if our contract should terminate on the 14th day of September 1862. as is contemplated by the order of the Director at Philadelphia, we should be left with large stocks on our hands, and should thereby be liable to heavy loss. We have supplied the Mint here since the 14th day of September last at 11¢ & 3½¢ per lb for Nitric and Sulphuric acids in accordance

the great importance to us of having a settled and uniform business, that our stocks may be more advantageously purchased. We also desire to represent that we have positive personal knowledge that the bid for supplying acids made by one R. E. Cole was purely speculative in its character, and that said Cole publicly stated that it was for the benefit of one O. M. Wozencraft. That the persons who signed the bond for the fulfillment of said contract, immediately after the signing, took an assignment from said Cole, of said Contract, for the benefit of themselves and said Wozencraft, and they have since informed us, that they did so at the request and by the pursuasion of Wozencraft, and they allege that he the said Wozencraft did wilfully falsify and misrepresent the facts in connection with said Contract, and the business of supplying the Mint with acids, and that their object in signing the said Bond and taking an assignment of said Contract was solely speculative, and with a design to sell the same for profit, and that they had not at any time made any preparations for the manufacture of acids by the purchase or ordering of stock or fixtures or otherwise, And they the said Bondsmen and assignees have repeatedly acknowledged to us that it was and would be impossible for them to employ

with the terms of their contract or whatever the facilities afforded them by Government in any manner to obtain the supply needed by Government. We desire further to represent that the above mentioned Wozencraft should be considered as the real bidder instead of said R. E. Cole, and the practices connected therewith having constantly spoken of said bid and Contract as Wozencrafts Bid and Contract and in reference thereto.

We desire further to represent, That said Wozencraft has no theoretical or practical knowledge of the business of manufacturing acids, and that he has no capital to engage in said business, it being one which requires a large capital to carry it on. — That the said Wozencraft repeatedly applied to us to obtain a bonus for his (the Cole) bid, and that he offered to have the same withdrawn upon payment to him of $500— and that he offered to cause an avoidance of the Cole bid & Contract, and combine with us to obtain 14¢ per lb for nitric acid from Government. That said Wozencraft while U. S. Indian agent in California in parts of the years 1851, 1852 & 1853 by his acts caused great embarrassments to Government and loss to individuals, in that, that many large bills and claims against Government are now outstanding for cattle and other supplies intended to be furnished

to Indians, which were purchased by said Rozencraft on account of Government, and which Government has hitherto refused to acknowledge and pay for. and, as we are informed, alleges that said supplies, more particularly the cattle in large numbers were not disposed of and used for the benefit of the Indians as claimed, but were sold to Whites for the sole benefit and profit of said Rozencraft and his associates.

That said Rozencraft has constantly for years, and does now avow strong secession sentiments.

(Signed) Egbert Judson

San Francisco Cal. Dec. 31st 1861

(Signed) J. L. N. Shepard

Mammoth

Indian Co.

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Proposition to buy Mr.

Miss Sanborn's Co. Title

deeds for three years

from 14th Sept 1868.

Dec 31, 1871.

SAN FRANCISCO, 1862

Treasury Department
May 8. 1862.

Sir

I am in the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant and of the papers which accompanied it. The course suggested by you is approved and the Department will, before deciding the question submitted, await your report on the expediency of limiting and ultimately excluding of Mottoes and reeding of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, to be made when you shall have received all the information from San Francisco to enable you to make such final report satisfactorily.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
[illegible]
Actg. Sec of the Treasury.

James Pollock Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

From
The Sec Treasury
Washington City

Approves my suggestion
to procure reports

from Genl Generals
as to Excluding
persons from N.Y.
Penn. before
deciding upon it

May 10, 1862

May 9. 2.

Sir,

The question of limiting and eventually excluding refining from your Branch Mint, is now before the Secretary of the Treasury, and application to that end having been made by parties in your City. In replying to a communication from the Department of 29th ult. asking my views as to the propriety and expediency of this measure, I made the following suggestion, viz: "that before finial action, inquiries should be made of the Superintendent of the Branch Mint, U.S. Attorney and other gentlemen, competent to give the information - not connected with the private refineries or Bullion Dealers, - in San Francisco, in regard to the character and capacity of the private establishments, - the views and wishes of those more immediately connected with the mining operations of that region and the sentiments of the community generally on this subject." This suggestion having been approved by the Department

I have to request that You will, as soon as convenient, furnish me with Your views on the subject in question. And while I cannot expect You to take the trouble of investigating the minute details of this business, I will throw out some inquiries, to show what kind of information is needed.

1. Do You think the proposed change would be acceptable to the business community, and to those connected with the mining operations?
2. Is private refining already carried on to any extent; is the process different from that employed in the Mint; and does it produce bars fit for coinage.
3. Do the private establishments stamp the fineness on their bars, and if so, how does it correspond with Mint assays?
4. Are there establishments able at all times to supply themselves with acid and other materials, sufficient to

carry on extensive operations.

5th. In fine, what would be the advantages, if any, of the proposed change.

I am very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.
C. B. Comstock
Director of the Mint.

Robt. J. Stevens Esq
Supt. Bureau
San Francisco.
Cal.

Your letter

To.

Robt J Stevens Esq
Supt Br. Mint
San Francisco.

Request his views
in relation to the
propriety & expediency
of excluding Refining
from that institution -

Communication of same
letter sent to U.S. Judge
U.S. Attorney & Collector
of Port at San Francisco

May 9. 1862.

(Forwarded by Wells Fargo
& Co. Express in one package)

Branch Mint. Corr.
May - 1862.

U. S. Assay Office

New York May 13, 1862

Sir,

I am notified by Messrs. Crosby & Dibblee, 35 Broad St. N.Y., that 125 Bbls. sweeps from California are at hand, per Ship Neptune's Car, & that no Consignee is named in the Bills of Lading. They will discharge in a few days & wish for instructions. — It is a very idle time with us now, & if you desire it, I will cheerfully give my attention to the storage & sale of these sweeps.

Very respectfully,
your obt. Servt.,
Geo. F. Downing,
Supt.

Hon. Jas. Pollock,
Director of the Mint.

From
Geo. F. Dunning & Sons
N. York Assay -
California Sweeps.

May 14 1862

May 20. 2.

Sir.

Your letter of the 13th inst. was not received until the 19th inst. in consequence of the postage not having been prepaid. I had previously made arrangements for the storage of the Silver for Coin &c. I am nevertheless obliged by your kind offer, and will avail myself of the same, when we come to sampling the Gold & Silver &c. to date.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock

Director of the Mint.

Gen. T. Dimmock Esq.,
Supt. Assay Office,
New York.

May 13. 2.

Sir.

I enclose herewith "Bill of Lading" for 125 Bbls "Soap" shipped from San Francisco Cal°. on the 29th. Dec. last, per Ship "Neptune's Car," and Consigned to me at New York.

I will thank You to have the Soaps stored as heretofore. You will please pay the freight viz: $473.03: also. the Drayage, & draw on me at sight for the Amount. The proper Vouchers in duplicate You will enclose to my address.

It will be well to ascertain how soon the above Ship is Expected to arrive.

Very Respectfully,

[signature]

Brother of the Asst.

E. A. Poster Esq.
N° 18 Trinity Buildings.
New York.

Presented to. - - - - - -
by the President of the United States
for Bravery in the Capture
of New Orleans.

To E. A. Packer Esq
N. Y.

Request him to have
Sheeps "Peruskeptanus
bar" stored when
the same arrives
from San Francisco

May 14. 1862

Branch Mint of the United States.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

San Francisco, May 15th 1862

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I have the honor to hand you the duplicate certificate of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at this place for Ten thousand Seven hundred & Sixteen 79/100 Dollars $10716.79/100 the amount of the Profits of this Branch for the month of April accruing as follows viz

For Reductions on Gold Deposits	9515.20
" " " Silver Purchases	1177.28
" " " Deposited for Coin Bars	24.31

Transferred to the United States Treasury on Warrant of the Superintendent and in accordance with Section 16 page 9 of printed instructions.

The Original is issued as a voucher to accompany the Quarterly Bullion Account

I am

Very Respectfully

Your obedt

D N Sheeseman

Treasurer

To

Jas Pollock

Director of United States Mint

Philadelphia

Pa.

San Francisco

Deductions

April 1862

No. 1

Office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States,

San Francisco, California, May 15 1862

I Certify, That The Treasurer of the Branch Mint San Francisco has this day deposited to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Sixteen & 79/100 Dollars, on account of an amount accruing from Gold & Silver Bullion deposits during April 1862 to be placed to the Credit of appropriations for Contingent expenses of Br. Mint San Francisco for which I have signed Triplicate Receipts

D N Sherman

Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

$ 10,716.79/100

To
Sec. Treasury,
Washington City

Enclose T/D. from Supt.
Br. Mint. San Francisco.
in relation to non receipt
of Drafts for requisitions
of 3d & 4th Qrs. fiscal
Year &c
May 22. 1862.

Philad^a. May 22. 1862.

Sir.

I received to-day. the enclosed despatch from the Superintendent, of the Branch Mint at San Francisco. In view of the pressing necessity, of the Branch Mint, for funds to pay Salaries. Wages & Incidentals. I beg to urge upon the Department. if it has not yet. been done, the immediate transmission of the Amount of the Superintendents Requisitions of Dec. 3. 1861, and February 4th. 1862, the same having been made to meet the Expenses of the 3^d & 4th Quarters of the current fiscal Year. For more particular information on this subject. I refer you to my letter of the 24th ult^o. in which was enclosed Copies of the Requisitions in question. Be pleased to inform me when

the Branch Mint may expect the funds asked for, so that I may be able to answer the Superintendents despatch.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obt. Servant,

J. W. L.
Director of the Mint

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To
Sec. Treasury.
Washington City

Enclose T/D. from Supt.
Br. Mint. San Francisco.
in relation to non receipt
of Drafts for requisitions
of 3d & 4th Qrs. fiscal
Year &c
May 22. 1862.

Melter and Refiner's Office

U. S. Branch Mint, San Francisco,

May 23rd 18 62

R. J. Stevens Esq

Superintendent

Sir

The matter upon silver which the recent settlement disclosed, renders it important to the government and necessary for my safety, that so far as silver is concerned there be at least an approximate settlement oftener than once a year. The wording of the law would seem to contemplate this, for section 23rd " reads, "Once at least in every year the Melter & Refiner shall deliver upto".

When but a small amount of business is doing, and the silver not frequently changed in form, there is

no absolute necessity for settling more frequently than once a year; but when the operations are so hurried and the assaying so seveerly precise as at present, I am unwilling to assume the responsibility of an entire year's work without an approximate settlement, which will somewhat increase the legal limit, and at the same time, it determines the safety of the government.

Very Respectfully
Your
W. L. Glenn
Melter & Refiner

W. S. Denv. M.H.C.

May 23rd 1862.

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Treasury Department
May 24th 1862.

Sir,

I have received your communication of the 22d inst. on the subject of remittances to the Branch Mint at San Francisco, Cal. - The requisitions of that Branch have been satisfied for the present fiscal year, with the exception of one for the expenses for the quarter ending on the 30 June next, for $56.267.17 - this has not yet been satisfied for the reason that there is not sufficient at the credit of the appropriation, for incidental expenses, to meet the full sum required by about $10.000 -, but as there are yet returns to be received showing deposits on account of moneys received for parting & other charges that are available for incidental expenses, I have delayed answering the requisition to the extent of the available appropriation. Should his returns not come in, by the close of next week, the requisition as far as the appropriation will permit will be satisfied

The last remittance went forward on the 19 April last amounting to $66.829.99

Very respectfully,
Your obdt. Servt
[illegible]
Secretary of the Treasury

James Pollock Esq.
Director US Mint
Philadelphia Pa

From U.S.
The Sec. Treasury

In relation to Requisitions
from Capt R. Muir
Asst Quarmr,
Draft for 3d Quarter
forwarded on 29th
April
May 26. 1862

Philad^a. May 26. 1862.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th inst^o.

The condition of the appropriation for Incidental Expenses. the Branch Mint San Francisco, according to the Register kept in this Office. is as follows:

Dr.

1861 June 30. Balance to Credit of Appropriation for Incidentals at Br. Mint San Francisco. $36.049.76

Appropriation for Incidentals for current fiscal year 40.433.00

(Additional Appropriation see act of March 2. 1861. Statutes at Large Little & Brown's edition page 218) 20.000.00

Deductions of Quarter ending Sept. 30. 1861 per Acct with U.S. Treasury to credit of this Appn 28.760.39

Do. do. of Quarter ending Dec. 31. 1861, per Acct with U.S. Treasury to Credit of this Appn — 17.872.29

" of Quarter Ending Mar. 31. 1862 " " " " " " " — 4.720.19

$147.840.68

Dr.

"Incidentals" for

Requisition for 1st Qr. Current fiscal year $35.405.96

Requisition for "Incidentals" for 2nd Qr. Current fiscal year 35.382.42

Requisition for " " 3rd Qr. " " 33.222.99 104.011.37

Undrawn Balance available for Incidentals $43.829.31

The foregoing statement shows the sum of $43,829.31, to the credit of the appropriation for Incidentals, to which there remains to be added the deductions of March April, May & June. I will thank You to cause the items referred to, to be compared with the account as it stands upon the Books of the Treasury, in order that the discrepancy may be explained.

Enclosed You will find a Requisition from the Supt. of the Mint, for $20,000- payable out of the additional appropriation for Incidentals. This Requisition is approved by me, provided, there be sufficient funds to meet it, available for that purpose.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
(Your Obt Svt.
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

(Copy)

(Telegram)

Dated San Francisco,

May 29th 1862.

To

Gov Jno. Pollock

Director US Mint.

Sir.

Yours of 29th received,
can procure fifty thousand
(50,000) per month, on terms
proposed, transportation per
steamer, two per cent, insurance
same, please instruct me to
pay refined bars for the silver
in Washoe bullion if necessary,
details by mail. No money yet
received.

Robt. J. Stevens

45/190 pd.

Telegram

From Robt. J. Stevens Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
San Francisco,

Terms on which
Silver bullion
can be purchased
in San Francisco
June 2. 1862

To.
The Sec of the Treasury

In relation to the purchase
of Silver bullion at
San Francisco. for
transfer to Phila.
for Coinage
Enclose 7/D from
Supt. also copy
of my letter to Supt
on subject
June 2. 1862

Special File
Purchase Silver
Bullion at San
Francisco for
transmission to the
Mint Philadelphia

Treasury Department
June 3. 1862.

Sir

I am in the receipt of your letter of yesterday with the enclosures. The subject to which it relates has received the consideration of the Department but before giving any instructions on the subject I will thank you to state whether it is to be understood that the drafts with which the Bullion is to be paid for may be drawn on the Asst. Treasurer at Philadelphia or the Treasurer at Washington or whether they must be drawn only on New York.

I am very Respt.
Geo Harrington
Sec. of the Treasury

Jas. Pollock Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philada

Copy

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia June 4. 1862

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Yesterday.

By referring to the copy of my letter of 29th April last to the Superintendent at San Francisco, - enclosed with my communication of 2d inst. - You will see that payment for the bullion proposed to be purchased, is to be made in "drafts on the East, payable in U.S. Notes". The particular place point to be drawn on was not specified as I believed it best to leave that point to be decided by the Department, to suit its convenience. I presume that drafts drawn on either of the places referred to in your letter, will be satisfactory.

If you give instructions to the Asst. Treasurer at San Francisco, on the subject in question, I suggest that you furnish me with a copy thereof, in order that I may send the proper instructions to the Branch Mint in relation to the assay &c of the bullion purchased. ~~You will letter to the Supt. will be sent on the~~

Hon S. Chase
Sec. Treas.

Signed James Pollock, Director

From T. L.

The Secretary of the Treasury

In relation to purchase of silver bullion at San Francisco & the places where the drafts are to be drawn on

June 4, 1862

Copy. (by Telegraph)

Mint. U. States
Phila. June 3. 1862

Robt. J. Stevens Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint.
San Francisco. Ca.

Draft for 19th
first quarter send on nineteenth
of April, and for current quarter
on 28th twenty eighth ult.

Signed, James Pollock
Director.

S. F.

Supt. R. R. Dist
San Francisco.
Cal.

Draft for 3d. & 4th
Quarter forwarded
June 3. 1862.

June 3d 62.

Sir.

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint San Francisco. of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution on the 30th day of April last.

I have the honorable.
With great respect.
Your Obt. Servant.
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint

Hon S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City

To
Sec Treasury

Report of
Enclosing Burnett Tower
& Examination of Br
Inst Lord Lumsden,
in 30th days of
April last.

June 3d 1862.

Treasury Department
June 5 1862.

Sir

It appears by your Telegram ~~Letter~~ to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, which has been submitted to the Department, that silver bullion can be purchased at San Francisco at the rate of about $1.21 per Oz of standard (fineness) value, and shipped to New York at a freight of 2 %, the Department assuming the risk of transportation. For the purpose of procuring a supply of silver to be coined at the mint into pieces of small denominations, you are hereby authorized to purchase and ship to New York, on the terms proposed, silver bullion to the amount of about $50,000 per month until further notice. The shipments to be made to the Assistant Treasurer at New York in sums of from 15 to 20 thousand dollars per each steamer. For the amount purchased you are authorized to draw on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, the drafts payable on presentation in U.S. notes. The Director of the Mint will give the instructions that he may deem necessary and proper in regard to the Assay &c of the Bullion to be thus purchased by you

Robt J Stevens, Esq
Supt. Br. Mint
San Francisco

(Signed) S. P. Chase
Sec. Treasury

Treasury Department.

June 6th 1862

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter dated the 4th inst, and in compliance with your request, I enclose a copy of the letter addressed to the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, in relation to the purchase of Silver bullion &c.

You will be pleased to give such instructions in regard to the delivery of the bullion to be purchased as you may deem proper.

The Assistant Treasurer at New York, has been authorized to pay the drafts of the Superintendent at San Francisco; and transfer drafts will be issued from time to time on the Assistant Treasurer at New York in favor of the Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia, payable in this bullion, which can then be converted into coins of small denominations at the Mint.

I am very respy

S Chase

Sec of Treasury

Hon Jas Pollock.
Director of the Mint
Phila.

From the Treasury

Purchase of Silver
at San Francisco
bullion for transfer to
the Mint authorized

June 7. 1862.

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, June 6th 1862.

Sir.

I am obliged to defer the letter on the silver-subject, as sufficient time has not elapsed to enable me to receive answers to the letters addressed parties in the "Washoe & Esmeralda" districts, requesting information as to the exports from that principal silver-producing quarter.

As I have given already by telegram, and in my letter by last Mail as reliable information as can be gathered so far as your purpose is concerned, no delay will be occasioned in the execution of your design should it be concluded to carry it out.

I do not think I shall be able to write any more certainly as to the success of the plan for supplying the Mint with the necessary silver, - than I have already done.

To assist in throwing the silver on the market if it is desirable to purchase the silver alone, (as in the mixed bars) and not the gold, - perhaps it would be well to limit the "Purchases" at the Branch, and thus cause the larger portion of mixed bullion deposited to be paid for in "silver refined bars" for the silver therein.

* It has occurred to me that perhaps it would enter within your plan, to purchase this mixed bullion in the manner stated in your letter and ship it. It is generally on the market in rough bars, sometimes containing a little copper, and can be purchased at a discount of ½ per cent below the assayed value of gold & silver contained; - the former metal constituting about

ne third of the value. These Bars could be more readily obtained, and perhaps more advantageously than the "Refined Silver Bars," were it not for the capital involved in the payment for the Gold therein.

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I have the pleasure to inform you that on the 2nd inst, the Branch received Draft for the Requisition for the 3rd Fiscal Quarter, and to acknowledge your "telegram" of June 3rd, received yesterday, informing me in regard to both it, and the requisition for current Quarter.

Received by Wells Fargo & Co's Express, One Box of Dies.

The "Spitfire," with Merchandise for this Branch, arrived on the 3rd inst.

Enclosed, please find the following Papers:
Requisition from the Assayer.
Monthly Count & Examination. May 31st 1862.
Statement of Spay Coins.

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant.

To
Hon James Pollock,
Director of the Mint.
Philad[a]. Pa.

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent

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P.S. Much the larger part of the rich silver bars mentioned above, are shipped from here to Panama & from thence to Europe. Upwards of $150.000 of this character of bullion go forward by the steamer of tomorrow. The exportations from Washoe & Esmeralda for Quarter ending Mch 31st, were about $800.000 total Value mixed bullion, & for the current quarter it will probably exceed $400.000 per month. - Very little Silver is refined here at the only public refinery in the State, (that of Messrs Kellogg, Newton & Co) and much less at the Branch. ‖

RJS
Supt

July 14. 2.

Sir.

Enclosed please find an extract from a letter of Mr Stevens, Superintendent of the Branch Mint, San Francisco, Cal., to me, dated 6th inst., in relation to the purchase of Silver bullion in that market. It will be seen that the mixed bullion, - in the form of unrefined bars, - from the "Washoe" mines, can be purchased at a half per cent less than its value as determined by Assay, and paid for in Mint Notes. The bars in question contain at least 25 thousandths in gold. Very little of this bullion is refined in Cal. either at the Branch Mint or private Refinery, the operation requiring more time and materials, than ordinary deposits on account of the lead &c contained. It is, in general, shipped from San Francisco to Panama, and from thence to Europe.

With a view to retain this bullion in our own Country, I requested Prof Booth, the Melter & Refiner of the Mint, to [illegible]

of refining the same at this Mint. The Estimate submitted by the Melter & Refiner, shews that the bullion in question, if purchased on the terms stated by Mr Stevens, can be refined, parted & coined here, with a small profit. I therefore recommend that you authorize Mr Stevens, to exchange U. S. Notes for the unrefined bars referred to in his letter, to the amount of say $15,000, at one half per cent less than their value, the same to be ascertained by assay — Mr [illegible] and the silver calculated at 1.21 cents per ounce standard. This Amount will enable us to determine to what extent, we can, without loss, refine and part the bullion in question, and, if the result of actual experiment shows confirm our estimates, it would seem good policy for the Government to purchase as much of the bullion, as may be offered on the terms stated in Mr Stevens letter.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obedient Servant,
J. P. Kelly
Director of the Mint

Hon S. Pchase
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

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Extract from a letter from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco. Cal. to the Director of the Mint, at Phil^a. dated June 6th 1862.

"It has occurred to me that perhaps it would enter within your plan, to purchase this mixed bullion in the manner stated in your letter and ships it. It is generally in the market in rough bars, sometimes containing a little copper, and can be purchased at a discount of 1/2 per cent below the Assayed Value of of Gold & Silver contained:— the former metal constituting about one third of the value. These bars could be more readily obtained and perhaps more advantageously than the refined Silver bars, were it not for the capital invested in the payment of the fees therein.

Much of the larger part of the rich Silver bars produced above, are shipped from here to Panama from thence to Europe. Upwards of $150.000 of this character of bullion was forwarded by the Steamer of to-morrow. The importations from Washoe & Nevada for quarter ending March 31st. are about $800.000 total value mixed bullion and for the current quarter it will probably exceed $1,000,000 per Month."

Estimates of Cost of Working Washoe Silver

It can only be safely estimated by asuming several different compositions for such Silver. We will asume the two following.

	№ 1	№ 2.
Gold	50	5
Silver	800	900
Copper	50	45
Lead &c	100	50
	1000	1000.

These will require the following values of materials for Refining

	№ 1.	№ 2.
Parting acid	5.88	6.12
Salt	.18	18
Zinc	1.76	1.90
Fuel, Pots & Flux	1.00	1.00
Total cost.	$ 8.81	9.20

	№ 1	№ 2
value of Gold	$1000.00	$ 100.00
" " Silver	1000.00	1125.00
	2000.00	1225.00
allowance of ½%	= $ 10.00	$6.12
Cost of working	8.81	9.20
	Profit = $1.19	Loss $ 3.08

In the preceding estimates the cost of refining has been put designedly at a high rate, altho' based on rigid calculations. It is therefore probable that the cost of refining would fall below the amounts named. It is however clear that unless there is a certain amount of gold contained in the Washoe Silver. I am confident that I can refine the Washoe Silver profitably, when it is purchased with an allowance of one half per cent, provided it contain not less than 25 thousandths of gold. (or 2½ pr. ct.).

It should be observed that the ½ pr ct. for coinage cannot be charged where the metal is purchased. There is however a charge for refining gold, & if the Washoe Silver be employed for refining Colorado or other gold, this charge might be added to the allowance of ½ % on assay value of the W. Silver. ~~It would amount to $2.50 in N°1, & $0.25 in N°2.~~ Where the Silver is thus used for refining gold, the cost & profit or loss in the two assumed cases, & in a supposed third case would be:

	N° 1	N° 2	N° 3.
Allowance of ½ pr. ct.	10.00	6.12	7.50
5 cts. pr. oz. Gold refined	15.00	15.00	15.00
	$25.00	$21.12	$22.50
Cost of refining	8.81	9.20	9.00
Profits.	$16.19	$11.92	$13.50

The data of charge for 5 cts pr. oz. gold refined are that 1000 oz. silver will refine at least 300 oz. gold.

I. A. C. Booth

U. S. Mint. 10 July 1862

Cost of Refining Washoe Silver

Calculations for 1000 oz. of assumed quality.

	№ 1.	№ 2.
Assume	900 oz Silver	800 oz. Silver
	5 " Gold	50 " Gold
	45 " Copper	50 " Copper
	50 " Lead	100 " Lead
	1000.	1000. "

The cost of materials for Refining the above would be about as follows:

	№ 1.	№ 2.
For Parting Acid	$5.88	$6.12
Salt	18	.18
Zinc	1.75	1.80
Fuel, Flux & Pots	1.00	1.00
	$8.81	$9.10

Approximate Value compared to cost of Refining

№ 1.		№ 2.	
800 oz. Silver =	$1000.	900 oz. Silver =	$1125.
50 " Gold =	1000	5 " Gold	100.
	$2000		$1225.
½ % allowance	$10.00	½ % Allow.	$6.13
Cost of Refining	8.81	Cost of Refining	9.10
Profit	$1.19	Loss.	$2.97

To be safe, I have made liberal estimates of cost from rigid calculations, so that it is highly probable that the loss will be less & the profit greater than stated above.

(over)

It is however manifest from the preceding calculations that there would be a loss in refining Washoe Silver, unless there is a proportion of gold contained in it between 5 and 50 thousandths. I feel confident that, with an allowance of one half percent on value, I can refine it without loss, if no silver is received containing not less than (2½ pr. ct. by weight or) 25 thousandths of gold by an exact assay.

I. A. C. Booth
M. A. R.

M. & Refiners Office
8. July. 1862.

To
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

Recommending purchase
of Harbor Bulletin
at San Francisco,
on a/c U. States,

July 15. 1862.

Philad.a June 13. 1862.

Sir.

The Secretary of the Treasury has furnished me with a copy of his letter to you of the 6th inst., in relation to the purchase of Silver bullion in your City for transfer to this Mint, and requested me to furnish such instructions in relation to the Assay of bullion to be purchased, as I may deem proper. As the Department instructions to You covers the whole transaction, no special instructions from me appear to be necessary, and I will therefore only add, that the Assay and preparatory melting where the latter is necessary, will be conducted in the usual manner.

It will be interesting to us to know what is, at the present time, your principal source of supply of Silver; whether it is likely to be considerable, and to be steady or increasing; also whether your region is pretty well supplied with Silver

coin (Std. coinage). The price of 412 cents per ounce, adding the freight, is almost the maximum that could be afforded; but if the silver market should require a small advance, you will please promptly to inform us. and on the other hand. if silver can at any time be procured cheaper, you will please give us the benefit of the market. There is likely to be a steady demand for small silver coin, for many months to come.

Very Respectfully,

J.A. Bloch

Director of the Mint

For form's delay in the transmission by you of the Secretary's letter herein referred to, I enclose the copy thereof sent to me. In it is that the word "Standard value" are used. It is doubtless intended for standard fineness

J. P.

Supt B. Alms
San Francisco
Cal

Assay of Silver bullion
authorized by Sec
Treas to be purchased

June 13. 1862

(Sent by Steamer)

Branch Mint of the United States.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

San Francisco, June 14th 1862

Sir. Enclosed herewith I have the honor to hand you the duplicate Certificate of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at this place for Twelve thousand Eight hundred & Seventy three 18/100 Dollars $12873.18/100 the amount of the Profit of this Branch for the month of May accruing as follows viz:

For Deductions on Gold Deposits 11235.44

" " Silver Purchases 1637.74

Transfered to the United States Treasury on Warrant of the Superintendent and in accordance with Section 16. page 9 of printed instructions.

The original is reserved as a voucher to accompany the Quarterly Bullion Account

I am

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

D N Cheesman

Treasurer

To

Gov James Pollock

Director of United States Mint

Philadelphia

Pa.

San Francisco

Deductions

May 1862

No. 2

Office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States,
San Francisco, California, June 14 1862

I Certify, That the Treasurer of the Branch Mint San Francisco Calfa has this day deposited to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Twelve Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy three & 18/100 Dollars, on account of an amount accruing from Gold & Silver Bullion deposits during May 1862 to be placed to the Credit of appropriations for contingent expenses of Branch Mint San Francisco.
for which I have signed Triplicate Receipts

W M Thuesman
Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

$ 12.873.18/100

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, June 13th 1862.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of May 9th, only received two days since. I have caused the enclosures to be delivered, and shall reply to the letter by the next Steamer, which sails the 20th inst.

As to the silver question, I have nothing more to communicate at present; — the reliable statistical table I have been promised by Mr Franklin of the "Mercantile Gazette and Prices Current", and other useful information from the interior, has not yet been furnished, and further inquiries only tend to show great diversity of opinion in regard to the yield of the Washoe region, and its channels of exit from this point. I can now then, only repeat, — that I have no further opinion or information to offer in connexion with your letter on this subject having already answered its main queries as fully and certainly as I expect to be able to do at present, and I believe, sufficiently for the purpose contemplated.

I enclose, herewith, a letter from the Metter & Refiner in regard to an approximate settlement of his silver &c. The consideration of this letter has brought up the question whether an approximate partial settlement of one of the operative officers can be ordered under the law regulating settlements; (Sec 23d Gen'l Mint Law) My mind is perfectly clear upon the subject, but the Treasurer intimates that he considers that the law requires a return of all the bullion in the hands of the Officer whose accounts are being

settled;- that is to say,- all the gold and all the silver;- and that on this basis alone can an official settlement be had. Will you please instruct me explicitly on this head,- "Cannot an official settlement of the Melter and Refiner's Silver a/c be ordered without involving the necessity of ordering the settlement of his Gold a/c also?"

Also, "Cannot an approximate settlement of the Melter & Refiner's Silver a/c through the Treasurer, be ordered;- the approximation to be as nearly to the whole amount of Silver in his hands as can be returned without the stoppage of the Branch"?

I have, also, to request your instructions in regard to authorizing deliveries of Silver from the M & R to the Treasurer and the re-delivery of the same for the purpose of enlarging the Amount on which the legal limit of wastage may be calculated in the former's account at settlement. The Melter & Refiner claims it on the ground that the silver is continually being worked over while in his hands; each time subject to loss; for which he gets no allowance.

He, also, states that the Silver from the Washoe Bullion requires more than ordinary treatment, owing to its impure character ——— As another reason why these deliveries should be ordered. This custom has prevailed in this Branch, as the Books show a number of instances,- as in Quarter ending, March 31. 1856, 154. 604. 91 Ozs were so delivered and re-delivered,—the following quarter 46. 278. 47 Ozs;- next quarter, 212. 268. 82 Ozs;- Quarter, ending December 31. 1856, 47. 352. 66 Ozs, and in the Quarter ending October 31st 1857, 240. 620, 52 Ozs were delivered and re-delivered for this reason.

Enclosed, please find the following Papers.

Statement of condition of Branch, close of May 1862.

Gold Deposits & Coinage for May 1862.
Silver Purchases & Coinage for " "

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent.

To
Hon James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia
Pa.

Wm T. Co

Robt. J. Stevens Esq

Supt U.S. Mint

San Francisco

Cal.

In relation to

deliveries & re-deliveries

of bullion to increase

margin for coinage.

also as to official

settlement of bills of R

Glen a/c. Cannot

be made until after

including gold

Aug 15. 1862.

June 23. 82.

Messrs Jos. Dixon & Co.
Jersey City. N.J.
Gentlemen:

I have to request that you will ship to the U. S. Branch Mint. San Francisco, via Cape Horn, the following articles:

600 No. 20. Dixons Black Lead Pots
100 No. 30 " " " "
100 " 35 " " " "
100 " 50 " " " "
150 " 12 " " " Pot covers
100 " 35 " " " " "
100 " 50 " " " " "
100 Stirrers
100 of each of the different sizes of Dipping Pots.

The Assayer & Melter & Refiner at San Francisco, states that some of the Pot covers, of your Manufacture, received at that Branch Mint, were of an inferior

quality. So much so "that they broke when exposed to the fire, even after careful annealing"

In view of the above circumstance, I have particularly to request that the articles now ordered, may be of the very best material and manufacture.

The articles should go forward in two Shipments.

The order for the foregoing articles, received today, is dated San Francisco, March 27th last. In view of the delay in the receipt of the order, the articles should be shipped as early as convenient.

Your account, with Bills of Lading in duplicate, will be presented to me for settlement.

Yours Respectfully
James Pollock
Director
per A. R. Linderman

To.

Messrs Jos Dixon & Co.

Jersey City

N.J.

Order for crucibles to be shipped to San Francisco Cal. Br Mint.

June 23. 1862

June 23d 93.

Sir

Your letters of March 29th & April 4th last, were not received by me until this morning.

I am pleased to learn that you have the Machine for grinding Rolls, set up and in working order. The machine in use at this institution, has not an additional part for the purpose of polishing the rolls. We use nothing but water upon the stones, and rolls properly ground in this way do not require any additional polishing. The time consumed in grinding an Ordinary pair of Rolls with our Machine, is about two days. Oil should not have been used on the Stone at all. I suppose you have on hand the extra stones sent with the Machine. If so, it might be well to substitute one of these for that upon which oil has been used.

As formerly Commissioners of

I informed You that the Weights furnished by Mr Boerner, had before being forwarded to You, been carefully inspected and adjusted at the Mint, by an Expert Mr Kewan, who for years past has attended to our balances and Weights. He is satisfied that the Weights sent to Your Branch, were perfectly accurate. Now if You think there is any just ground for the Coiners dissatisfaction, and will indicate the Weights that are not satisfactory, I will have new ones prepared and sent in the place of those reported to.

The indications are that I will be able in a few days, to dispose of Your Scraps, now on Storage at New York, at a satisfactory price.

The Requisition from the Coiner will receive early attention.

Very Respectfully,
James Pollock
Director

Robert J Sterns Esq
Supt. + +
San Francisco

Tom L

Robert L Stevens Esq

Supt U.S. Mint

San Francisco,

(Subject Letter dated March 29, & April 4th
Rec'd Phil'a June 23, 1862)

In relation to Machine for punching Rolls, — same with the Working order, as to Weights supplied by Mr Rockwell &c order Miller & Rogers for Cancelled Covers &c and for to Tom Cooper

June 23. 1862

Mint of the United States,
Philad^a. June 25th. 1862.

Sir

I enclose for your information a letter received by me yesterday, from the Superintendent, of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, dated 31st ult^o. in relation to the supply of silver bullion in that market and the proposed purchase thereof by the Department for transmission to this Mint for coinage.

In transmitting this communication, I respectfully invite your attention to the following points:

1st The receipts of silver bullion at the Branch Mint during the months of July, August and September next, will be unusually large, ~~[redacted]~~ in view of which, I suggest that the authority given Mr. Stevens, to purchase at the rate of $50,000 per month, for transfer to Philadelphia, be extended to such an amount as the Department may think proper. It should not, in my opinion, be less than $100,000 per month.

The necessities in the Atlantic States for silver change are so great, that we ought as far as convenient, to avail ourselves of the whole extent of the bullion that is offered, or considered as likely to be procurable from California. If the amount so purchased should be in excess of the wants of the Government it could be exchanged for Gold, at the Mint, with a great advantage to the public, and at a profit to the Treasury.

2nd. It seems desirable to give U. S. Notes a circulation in Cal.a, as Mr Stevens suggest. They will no doubt prove a great convenience to the public and tend to facilitate the proposed purchase of Silver bullion. Such an amount of U. S. Notes as the Department may think proper, may be sent to the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, to be used in paying for silver bullion purchased for transmission here. The Treasurer should, in such case, be instructed to open a separate account, in which he should charge himself with the U. S. Notes received, and credit himself

with the amounts paid out in the purchase of Silver bullion.

3d. The bullion purchased should be forwarded direct to the Mint at Philad^a, If sent through the Assistant Treasury at New York, it creates unnecessary agency, will complicate our reports and accounts. Two assays, - one at New York and one here, - will be necessary. This is the most convenient point for distributing Silver Coin. I may add that if the bullion were consigned to the Adams Express Co. at New York, for transmission to the Mint at Philadelphia, no stoppage of the bullion at New York, would be necessary. - On its arrival here, it could be placed to the credit of the U.S. Bullion Fund, and when coined, be subject to the draft of the Department.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servant

Hon S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City,

Director of the Mint.

To
The Sec Treasury

In relation to Chemical
purchase of Silver
Bullion at Lord Lancaster
Enclosing copy of Supt
Stevens letter suggesting
modification of
authority in relation
to what to be purchased

June 25, 1862.

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a June 27. 1862.

Sir. I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, exhibiting the results of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution, on the 31st March; also, a statement of the expenditures at the Branch Mint during the third quarter of the current fiscal year.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obedient Servant,
[redacted]
Director.

Hon S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Y.

Sec Treasury

Enclosing Statement
from San Francisco

Jan 26. 1862,

WELLS, FARGO & CO.'S EXPRESS.

WELLS, FARGO & CO.

Value, $ Cap. [illegible]

SAN FRANCISCO, June 30th 1862

Received of A. S. Branch Bank

Sealed Package

Addressed Wm. D. Pollock Director Mint

which we agree to forward to Philadelphia

and deliver

In no event to be liable beyond our Route as herein receipted. It is further agreed, and is part of the consideration of this contract, that Wells, Fargo & Co. are not to be responsible except as forwarders, nor for any loss or damage arising from the dangers of railroad, ocean or river navigation, fire, &c., unless specially insured by them, and so specified in this Receipt.

For the Proprietors,

Charges, $ 12 Cts Paid

J. M. Walker

Towne & Bacon's Print, San Francisco.

S. Francisco

Wells Fargo & Co.

Express Rept

June 30. 1862

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, Cal, June 30th 1862.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of Apl 10 & 19 & May 30, the two former by "Overland" & the latter by "Steamer." In my letter to you of June 6th, I acknowledged the receipt of the Box of Dies, to which your letter of April 19. refers, I would now state that the number of Dies contained in the Box, corresponds with the list sent by you. The Bill of Lading for "Mdse for the Apayer" per "Fearless" was enclosed in your letter of April 10th. The Draft for portion of Requisition for 2nd Quar 1862, came duly to hand, - amtg to the sum of $46. 353. 75/100. I agree with you that "it is highly desirable that the account of your (our) appropriations should be made to agree on the 30th prox, the close of the current fiscal year." The Treasurer is now engaged in making up a statement of the A/c, and the matter shall receive my careful and early attention, so that by next Mail, I will advise you fully on the subject. Regarding the reception by you of a pkge of Assay Coins, "supposed to be for the Month of March last," I have to state that the same were sent by Wells, Fargo & Co's Express on the 11th April, and the receipt, therefor, was enclosed in my letter to you of April 16th, which went by "Overland." Herewith, please find copy of the letter referred to. Should I not receive from you, prior to the sailing of the next Steamer, an acknowledgement of the reception of my letters "from March 10th to May 30th," copies of the same will then be forwarded. I trust and believe that you will ere this, have received all my letters, as yours of April 10th by "Overland," only came to hand on the 24th, and that of April 19th, relative to the Box of Dies, was received on the 28th of the present month.

Enclosed, please find the following Papers.
Letter to the Hon Secty of the Treasury, regarding appt of Watchmen.
Requisition for 3d Qr 1862. (First Quar Fiscal Year, ending 30 June 1863.)
Apay Coins for June 1862.

Very Respectfully.
Your Obedient Servant.
Robt J Stevens
Superintendent.

Hon Jas Pollock.
Director of Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

P.S. In the Requisition for 3d Qr 1862, herewith, forwarded, you will observe that I have filled up the Amounts for Wages of Workmen & Inc'l Contgt Expenses, "Specific Apptn", - taking one quarter of the full amount, as officially published in a Newspaper in this city. I should be pleased to receive from you a statement of the various appropriations made by Congress for this Branch.
Robt J Stevens
Superintendent.

From J. C.

Robt. J. Stevens.

Supt

U. Mint

San Francisco

Letter of July 10th & June 30th

also answer of Aug 7th,

in relation to Branch Mint

Business.

Aug 7th 1862

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, July 10th 1862. 10 P.M.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge your favor of June 13th, in relation to purchase of silver, with enclosures, this moment received. As the Steamer leaves at 9 A. M tomorrow, there would not, in any event, be time to get a shipment made previous to the sailing of the next steamer, but the Market has changed so materially that I deem it proper in view of your request to be informed "promptly" in case of any advance in the price of silver over the terms as understood, (namely, $1.21 per standard oz, payable in Drafts on the Assistant Treasurer in New York, on presentation, in U. S. Demand Notes;) to inform you by Telegram, which I shall do tomorrow, if upon investigation, my present impressions, which are to the effect, - that purchases cannot be made on the terms proposed at a reasonable advance on the maximum price. The Market, however, is very fluctuating and the silver yield is constantly increasing; - and ten days may make a favorable opportunity again. Meantime, I have to suggest that as there seems by the tenor of your letter, a pressing necessity for silver coin immediately at the East, - the Hon Secretary authorize me to ship some 50.000 ozs of the Silver in the Melter & Refiners Department of this Branch; - a portion of the small balance of the U. S. Bullion Fund still remaining, - which amount, I think the Branch can easily spare, at least for a time. It is already refined and in proper shape for shipment, and I think is exactly the thing required.

Unless I have reason to change my mind tomorrow, I shall under the seeming urgency of the case dispatch a

telegram to yourself, proposing this arrangement in order to expedite the first shipment. If this course is thought advisable, the Secretary of the Treasury can authorize me by telegram, and the shipment may be made by next Steamer. The authorization required will be simply to send 50000 ℔s of the Silver belonging to the U. S. Bullion Fund.

The "Flying Scud" with Crucibles for this Branch has arrived.

The Treasurer's Statement of account of Appropriations, mentioned in my last, is not yet ready.

Enclosed, please find the following Papers.

Copies of Letters of March 29. May 7 and 14.

Monthly Count & Examination.

Expenditures 2nd Quarter 1862.

P.S. Please forward the enclosed letter to the Hon Secty of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant.

Robt Patterson
Superintendent.

Wm. Pollock.
Director of Mint.
Philada
Pa.

Mint of the United States,
Phila. Aug 7. 1862.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ult. and 6th inst. with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the assay coins of your R. Mint for June 1862.

Your Requisition for the 1st Quart. of the current fiscal year, was, on its receipt by me, approved and transmitted to the Department.

The Annual Appropriation for the support of your institution, for the current fiscal year, is as follows:

Salaries of Officers & Clerks	$ 30.000
Wages	105.000
Incidentals	45.540
Total	$ 180.540

The premium on Silver Coin has gone down considerably within the last ten days, & I am in hopes that you will soon be able to make a purchase of Silver Bullion for us. Your suggestion

in Silver

in relation to transferring of $50,000. from the bullion fund of your institution has been submitted to the Department. I do not think it handy advisable to disturb your bullion fund which is sufficiently reduced already.

Your Estimates of appropriation for the next fiscal year should be forwarded to me as soon as convenient.

Respectfully Yours,
L. [illegible]
by H. C. Linderman

Robt. J. Stevens Esq
Supt U.S. Mint,
San Francisco,
Cal.

July 1. 2.

Sir.

As required by the 12th. section of the Act of 6th. of August 1846. and the regulations of the Department I made at the close of business on the 30th. ult. examination of the books, accounts and money on hand in the Office of the Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. at Philadelphia and found the following balances in U.S. Notes and Gold and Silver Coins:

General Treasury Fund	$729.674.21
Post Office Monies	15.517.05
For the Redemption of U.S. Loans	70.646.46
" " " Coupons	152.092.26
Disbursers Fund	1.912.677.37
	$2.880.607.35

Corresponding with his books of account.

I have the honor to be,
Most great Respect,
Your most Obt. Servt.
J.W. Pilson
Assistant Treasurer

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

July 1. 2.

Sir.

The usual monthly count and examination made at the close of busines yesterday exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint. viz:

In gold Coin & U.S. Notes counted as coin	$416,762.50
" Silver "	15 24 [illegible]
" Ordinary Fund	1,539.79
" Cent Coins	262.58
San Francisco Br. Mint Fund	99.15
	$433,908.47

Corresponding with the balances as stated upon his books of account.

An examination at the same time into the condition of the Mint generally gave satisfactory evidence that the business of the institution is conducted with care and fidelity.

Very Respectfully Your Obt. Servt.

J. W. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon. S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

~~From~~

To,

Sec. Treasury

Washington City

(Coin Letters)

Monthly Count

and Examination

June 30. 1862

July 1. 1862

Correspondence

U.S. Mint, & Branches,

July 1862,

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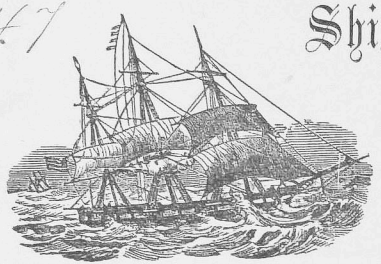

W. H. Arthur & Co., Stationers, 39 Nassau-street, cor. of Liberty.

Shipped, in good order and well-conditioned, by Grinnell & Bibby

on board the Ship called the Toledo

whereof Wendell is Master, now lying in the Port of New York and bound for San Francisco To say:

Eight Casks Ingot Copper Wts 11,901 lbs Gross

GOODS TO BE RECEIVED ALONG SIDE VESSEL'S TACKLES ... 11,901 lbs

being marked and numbered as in the margin; and are to be delivered in the like good order and well-conditioned, at the aforesaid Port of San Francisco (the dangers of the seas only excepted,) unto The U. S. Branch Mint or to their assigns, he or they paying freight for the said Ingot Copper, at the rate of three quarters of a cent (¾) per lb on gross landing weight with five % primage and average accustomed.

In Witness whereof, the Master or Purser of the said vessel hath affirmed to four Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated in New York *the* 3d *day of* July 1852

Fred'k Baker
for Master

U. S. Branch Mint
San Francisco
Cal

11,901 lbs ¾ $89.26
4.46
$93.72

SUTTON & Co.
DISPATCH LINE
CALIFORNIA PACKETS
52 SOUTH ST.
COR. OF WALL ST. N.Y.

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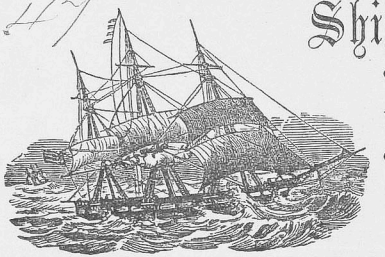


W. H. Arthur & Co., Stationers, 39 Nassau-street, cor. of Liberty.

Shipped, in good order and well-conditioned, by Grinnell Minturn & Co. on board the Ship called the Galatea, whereof Wendell is Master, now lying in the Port of New York and bound for San Francisco To say:

Eight Casks Ingot Copper 11.901 lbs Gross
400. Tare
11.501 lbs Nett

ORDER TO BE RECEIVED
AT THE WHARVES TAGGLE
NEW YORK
GOLD
OR GOLD
CONTENTS UNKNOWN

being marked and numbered as in the margin; and are to be delivered in the like good order and well-conditioned, at the aforesaid Port of San Francisco (the dangers of the seas only excepted,) unto The U. S. Branch Mint or to their assigns, he or they paying freight for the said Ingot Copper, at the rate of three quarters of a cent ¾ ct per lb, on gross landing weights — with five p.c. primage and average accustomed.

In Witness whereof, the Master or Purser of the said vessel hath affirmed to four Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated in New York *the* 2d *day of* July 1852

Thos. W. Sutton
for Master

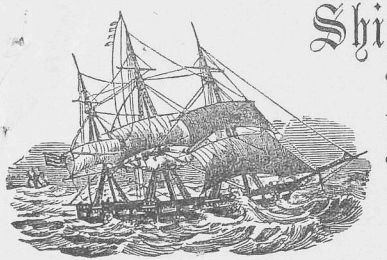
U. S. Branch Mint
San Francisco
Cal

11.901 lbs ¾ @ $89.26
pay 4.46

93.72

SUTTON & Co.
DISPATCH LINE
CALIFORNIA PACKETS
88 SOUTH ST.
COR. OF WALL ST. N.Y.

Bill of Lading for
Articles shipped to
San Francisco
per Steamer Blaze
July 2. 1862



W. H. Arthur & Co., Stationers, 39 Nassau-street, cor. of Liberty.

Shipped, in good order and well-conditioned, by Grinell, Minturn & Co. on board the Ship called the Hazard, whereof Holmes is Master, now lying in the Port of New York and bound for San Francisco To say:

Seven Casks Ingot Copper, Wg 11.649 lbs Gross
350 lbs Tare
11.499 lbs Nett

GRINNELL, MINTURN & CO'S PACKET LINE NEW YORK AND SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE 54 WALL ST. NEW YORK.

being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered in the like good order and well-conditioned, at the aforesaid Port of San Francisco (the dangers of the seas only excepted,) unto The United States Branch Mint S.F. or to their assigns, he or they paying freight for the said Ingot Copper, at the rate of five eighths of a cent ⅝ per lb, or gross landing weight with ½ per ct primage and average accustomed.

In Witness whereof, the Master or Purser of the said vessel hath affirmed to four Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

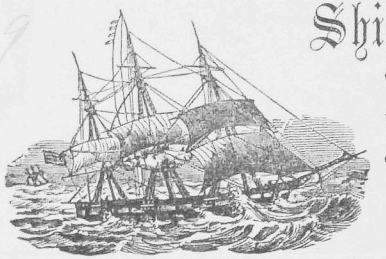
Dated in New York *the* 3d *day of* July 1862

Freight & Customs as Manifest
for master Grinnell Minturn & Co agts

U. S. Branch Mint
San Francisco
Cal

Bill of Lading
Ship Hazard, July 15, 1862

11849 5/8 74
Tare 350
77



W. H. Arthur & Co., Stationers, 39 Nassau-street, cor. of Liberty.

U. S. Branch Mint
San Francisco
Cal

Shipped, in good order and well-conditioned, by Spruille, Jr. Tibby
on board the Ship called the Eagle
whereof Holmes is Master, now lying in the Port
of New York and bound for San Francisco To say:

Seven Casks Ingot Copper Wt 11049 lbs Gross
350 Tare
11499 to Bill

being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered in the like good order and well-conditioned, at the aforesaid Port of San Francisco (the dangers of the seas only excepted,) unto The United States Branch Mint or to their assigns, he or they paying freight for the said Ingot Copper, at the rate of five eighths of a cent (⅝) per lb, or gross landing weight with primage and average accustomed.

In Witness whereof, the Master or Purser of the said vessel hath affirmed to four Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void.

Dated in New York the 3d day of July 1849

Weight & Contents unknown
for Master Lem Constock

July 7. 2.

Sir

I transmit herewith, a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco, Cal., of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution on the 31st day of May last.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
Jas. Ridgely
Treasurer of the Mint

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To
Sec. Treasury

Enclosing report of
Mr. Conrad at Pr.
Mint San Francisco
~~July~~ May 31. 1862

July 7. 1862

Mint of the United States.
Philad.a July. 17. 1862.

Sir.

I have recently purchased and shipped to the French Mint at San Francisco, at the request of the Superintendent thereof, a supply of ingot copper for alloy. The sum of $5,495.85 is required to pay for the same. I have therefore, to request that you will cause a draft for the amount stated to be sent to the Treasurer of the Mint at Philadelphia, for that purpose the same to be charged to the appropriation for the support of the Branch Mint, for the current fiscal year.

I take this occasion to respectfully call your attention to the Requisition from this Office of the 8th inst. in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, for Fifty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Two dollars ($52,422) and request that a draft therefor may be sent to the Treasurer of the Mint as soon as convenient, as our Ordinary Fund is being entirely exhausted, the funds are much needed to meet the current expenses of the Institution

Very Respectfully,
Your Obed.t Servant,
James Pollock
Director

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Dr. H. R. Linderman

296.77
110.75
35.22
166.55
118.63
80.00
100.00

877.92
546.77

To. The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

Requisition for funds
to pay for Copper purchased
for Branch Mint
San Francisco,
call attention to
Requisition of
8th inst from
this Office

July 17, 1862.

(Copy)

Treasury Department
July 17th 1862

Sir.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. enclosing an extract from a letter addressed to you, by the Supt. of the Branch Mint at San Francisco. The course suggested by Mr Stevens & accomended by you, in relation to the purchase of silver bullion at San Francisco is hereby approved, & Mr Stevens will be authorized to purchase at San F. the Mixed bars referred to in yr letter, & the amt. of $15,000. to be paid for in U. S. Notes, provided they can be purchased at 1/2 per cent less than their value, the same to be determined by assay at the Branch Mint, and the silver to be estimated at $1.21 the standard

ounce, and to transmit the same to the Mint at Philadelphia to be refined & parted.

When the experiment shall have been tried you will please report the result to this Department, when it will be determined to what extent it will be desirable & proper to authorize the purchase of bars of the character referred to. You will please give such instructions to Mr Stevens on the subject, as you may deem necessary.

I am very resp.ly,
(Sig) S P Chase
Sec of Treasy

Hon Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Encl.
Treasury

Authority
purchase of
mixed Silver bars
at San Francisco
for transmission to
the Mint.
Aug 18. 1862

Branch Mint of the United States.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

San Francisco, July 21 1862

Sir.

Below please find Statement of the different localities, other than California, where Gold has been received at this Institution for the Fiscal Year 1861-62 - and the number of ounces received from each. viz

From	British Columbia	16.400 ozs grns
"	Oregon	44,400 " "
"	Nevada Territory	650 " "
"	Mexico	260 " "
"	Pikes Peak	34 " "
"	Australia	38 " "
"	Mixed Coins	2420 " "

The above is of necessity only an approximate Statement.

Respectfully Yours

D M Cheesman

Treasurer

To

Robt J Stevens Esq

Superintendent

U S Branch Mint.

Copy

Superintendents Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, July 19th 1862.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 13th & 23rd ultº.

My telegram of the 11th, and my letter of the 10th July, per last Mail, will have informed you of the condition of the market here, and the impossibility of procuring silver bullion for coinage at the Mint, - at present, - on the terms proposed. At this date, the market remains about the same. For some three weeks past, the Bankers here have been selling sight Bills on N.Y. payable in currency at a discount of from 5 to 10 per centum, and such is the uncertainty of the market at the East, that to day, some of them are not selling at all. On the day of the receipt of your letter of June 13th, with instructions to purchase silver, the Telegraph informed us that Gold was commanding in N.Y. a premium of 17 per ct. Under these circumstances, you will, of course, perceive the impossibility of purchasing silver at a reasonable price, - if to be paid for with drafts payable in U. S. Notes. In view of the information you have given me of the urgent need of silver coin at the East, I have suggested that the silver bullion fund of this Branch be drawn upon for present necessities. I think, some 30.000 Ozs could be spared from the Refinery; - at least, temporarily. This amount is all ready for shipment in refined bars, and would meet the present emergency. A months time might make a favorable change, either here or at the east, or in both places, which would, perhaps, enable me to purchase silver more favorably. Should any favorable change take place, I will immediately avail of it.

Our only regular source of supply of silver is from the

Washoe and Esmeralda regions;- the amount per month, at the present time, of exports from those places, may be stated at from $400.000 to a half a million. It is impossible to get at strictly reliable and definite data of the yield. Two Millions may, however, be stated as the "total value" of the mixed bullion from those regions, for the 6 Months just passed;- perhaps, one-third of this value is of gold. The monthly yield is on the increase. For some little time past, silver bars have had the preference with some three of the heaviest banking houses here, who send them to Europe "via" Panama & Southampton, and draw against them payable in N. Y. or elsewhere. The amount of silver received here from Mexico, (never very large,) has been very trifling for the last 6 Months. That portion of it that comes in the shape of Dollars, (Mexican) is generally shipped to China. These Dollars usually command a premium of 10 per cent;- they range from 6 p.c. to, (in extreme cases,) 15 per cent. Very little foreign silver coin offers here now. Some three years ago, the Bankers and Merchants were obliged to combine among themselves to refuse foreign coins except at certain diminished rates, as through the general looseness of trade matters, they were being received for much more than their value. Considerable shipments of French silver francs, (Value, 18.3/4 cents) were imported, and circulated at the rate of 25¢ each,- or the equivalent of one-quarter;- (at the same time, the silver five-franc piece passed for one dollar.) Other foreign coins produced a corresponding profit, and to such a degree did this abuse extend, as to cause finally the above mentioned combination,- which then threw large quantities of foreign coins into the Branch. Since the exhaustion of the stock then on hand, very few have been received. This state of things was in no degree, owing to any scarcity of our own Coin, as the Branch supplied all that was demanded.

I am anxiously desirous to assist in your endeavors

to furnish a proper supply of silver coin at the East, and trust that my suggestion in regard to the use of a part of the silver in the Bullion Fund of the Branch, may prove of use.

I have not yet received from the Treasurer, the Statement of Account of Appropriations.

Enclosed, please find the following Papers, viz:

Condition of Branch, June 30th 1862.
Gold Deposits & Coinage during June 1862.
Silver Purchases & Do " " "
Unpaid Deposits, close of 2nd Quarter 1862.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent

Hon James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

From.

Supt B. about

San Francisco.

Cal.

Ten Letters

Aug 14th

Aug 11.

Returns enclosed,

Collections Rec'd

paid into U.S. Treas

State of Illinois Mapped

Sept. 6. 1862

SAN FRANCISCO, 1862 (CONT.)

July 23. 2

Sir.

On the receipt of your letter of the 6th inst. I enclosed a copy thereof, to the Secretary of the Treasury, and recommended that authority be given you, to purchase for shipment to this Mint, the silver bars referred to in your letter, on the terms stated therein. From the enclosed letter to me, from the Secretary of the Treasury, you will see that your suggestion has been approved.- the purchase being limited, however, to $15,000- until further advised. I may add that the bars to be purchased should contain not less than 25 thousandths of gold.

From the tenor of your despatch of the 11th inst. I fear that you will not be able, at this time, to procure silver bullion at the price, on the terms, authorized by the Department. Having no authority in the matter I cannot of course authorize any modifications, must therefore leave the subject where it has been placed by the Department.- The state of the bullion market, may at some time hereafter, be such as to enable you to make the purchases in question.

Your letter of the 22d inst. with the enclosures stated.—relating to the question of limiting the amount of refining at your Bank Mint.—has been received.

Respectfully Yours,
Ed. Pollock
Director of the Mint

Robert J. Stevens Esq
Supt Br. Mint
San Francisco,
Cal.

To
Robt. J Stevens Esq
Supt Br Mint
San Francisco,
Cal.

Authority to purchase for
this Mint, $1500— in
mixed bars.—
July 23, 1862.

Branch Mint of the United States.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

San Francisco, July 21 1862

Sir

Enclosed herewith I have the honor to hand you the duplicate Certificate of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at this place for Eight thousand nine hundred & Seventy nine 34/100 Dollars $8979 34/100 the Amount of the Profits of this Branch for the Month of June, accruing as follows viz.

For Deductions on Gold Deposits.	$ 7297.82
" " " Silver Purchases	1675.20
" Charge for Making Fine Silver Bars for the Fiscal Year 1861-62	6.32

Transferred to the United States Treasury on Warrant of the Superintendent and in accordance with Section 16 page 9 of printed instructions.

The original is issued as a voucher to accompany the Quarterly Bullion Account

I am
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
D M Fleming
Treasurer.

To
Gov James Pollock
Director of United States Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

San Francisco

Deductions

June 1862

No. 2

Office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States,

San Francisco, California, July 16 1862

I Certify, That The Treasurer of the Branch Mint San Francisco Calfa

has this day deposited to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy nine and 34/100 Dollars, on account of an amount accruing from Gold & Silver Bullion deposits during June 1862 to be placed to the Credit of appropriations for Contingent expenses of Branch Mint San Francisco.

for which I have signed Triplicate Receipts

D M Sheeseman

Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

$ 8.979.34/100

August 15. 1862.

Sir

Enclosed please find Statement of account to 1st inst with vouchers for the items charged therein. The account exhibits a balance of $3.110.39, in favor of the Treasurer of Your Branch Mint.

I succeeded in making a very favorable sale of the 120 lbs of sweeps belonging to Your Br. Mint, having realized within a fraction of 80 per ct of their value per Your assay. It is proper to state herein that the value by our assay exceeded Yours by $1.189.00.- A statement of account of sale of sweeps will be transmitted to you by the next mail.

Enclosed please find Bills of lading for shipments of copper & crucibles

Very Respectfully,
James Pollock, Dir.
by H. R. Linderman

Robert J. Stevens Esq.
Supt Br. Mint.
San Francisco. Cal.

Treasurer Br. Mint San Francisco Cr.

1872 Jan 7th	By cash paid Jacob Pluckhan on Pacific Wells Fargo & Co. from Supt)	2 75
" 17	By Cash paid J. Pluckhan Express charges on Package from Supt to Director	3 25
Feb 27	By Cash paid for Express charges on Assay Ores from New York	50
March 4th	By Cash paid Jos Klein & Co for Crucible & Clay pipes	25 40 85
" 10	By Cash paid Treas for Half Eagles sent Supt.	500 00
" 16	By Cash paid C. J. Bowles	23 00
" 31	" " H. R. Linderman	19
April 2nd	By cash Stephen James	3 50
May 22nd	" " paid Arnold Kent Tpd	1 99
" 31st	" " " on letter to Supt. per Express	75
June 3rd	" " " " on Tpd to Supt	10 51
July 2d	" " " Express freight	2 50
	Balance	31 10 39

$565 18

Dr. James Pollock Esq Mueter.

1861 Jan 1st	To Balance			4 17 03
Feb 13th	To Proceeds Assay Coins 1861			
	Gold	5.87 50		
	Silver	51 15	5,938 65	
				1,205 18
Aug 1st	To Balance			$3,110 39

Cr.

1861 Jan 1st	Treasurer Br. Mint San Francisco	
Jan 7th	By cash paid Jacob Pluckhan a/c of Wells Fargo & Co from Supt)	2 75
" 17	By Cash paid J. Pluckhan a/c pres charges on Package from Supt to Mueter	3 25
Feb 27	By Cash paid for Express charges on Assay Coins from New York	50
March 4th	By Cash paid Jos Rhoads & Co for Crucible & Clippers	2540 85
" 10	By Cash paid Treas for Half Eagle Dent Supt.	500 00
" 15	By Cash paid C. J. Bowles	23 00
" 31	" " H. R. Linderman	69
April 2nd	By cash Stephen James	3 50
May 22nd	" " paid Arnold Kent 7/12	1 99
" 31st	" " " on letter to Supt. per Express	75
June 3rd	" " " " on T/Account	10 51
July 2d	" " " Express freight	2 50
	Balance	31 10 39
		$5,205 18

No 1

To,

Rob. J. Stevens Esq
Sup. Br. Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

Statement
Account of Expenditures
&c. from Br Mint
San Francisco,
Aug 15th 1862

Mint of the United States
Phila.ª July 29. 1862.

Sir.

I transmit with my approval, a Requisition of the Superintendent, of the Branch Mint, New Orleans, for $79.784.19 – payable out of the appropriation for the support of that institution.

I have the honor to be,
very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.

Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City

Sec Treasury

Enclosure with
approved Requisition
Br. Mint San Francisco
for $29,784.14
July 29, 1862

Branch Mint Correspondence

July 1862

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, July 31st 1862.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultmo. The Bill of Lading of the Sweep per "Prima Donna," will have probably come to hand ere you receive this; - lest it should not, however, I enclose duplicate.

I have just received and hasten to forward the Treasurer's Statement of moneys applicable to the Expenses of this Branch, and of Drafts on the Apt Treasurer at this place, that have been received and paid here to meet such expenses. The account covers the last three fiscal years, and shows an unexpended balance in the Treasury of $55. 215. 12/100 due this Branch June 30. 1862. The statement has been compiled with great care, and shows so clearly what must be the true balance, that I leave the matter without further comment, - confident that the a/c at Philadelphia & Washington will upon comparison, be adjusted to agree; - as ere this, the Apistant Treasurer's certificates for "Profits transferred," must all have arrived. The Treasurer has sent a copy of these Statements to the Department.

The enclosed tabular statements of Operations of the fiscal year just closed, show a largely increased work over the preceding year, amounting to about 30 per cent both in the gold and silver work.

By Express, hence, tomorrow, I forward to the First Auditor of the Treasury, a Box containing the Bullion a/cs & Vouchers of this Branch for the 2nd Quarter 1862.

I have no favorable change to report in the condition of the monetary or bullion market here. There is an increasing supply of the mixed bullion, - but the demand increases also. To day, the Bankers are drawing at sight on New York and the East at 12 per cent discount.

Enclosed, please find the following Papers.

Treasurer's Statement of Appropriations & Drafts. (Two Papers.)
Certificate of Transfer of Parting Charge, (Profits) for June 1862.
Assay Coins for July 1862.
Localities from whence Gold has been received the past fiscal year.
Tabular Statement of Gold Operations; fiscal year ending June 30. 1862.
" " Silver " " " " " " " "
Bill of Lading of Sweep by Prima Donna.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.

Robt J Skreen
Superintendent.

Wm James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

From J. L.

Robt. J. Stevens Esq

Superintendent B. Mint

San Francisco

Cal.a

Assay Coms Reports

for July 1st 1862

Bills Lading for

Crucibles & Humid

Assay Bottles Enclosed

Aug 30. 1862.

August 30. 2.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter of the 31st ult.o with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the Assay Coins of Your institution for the month of July last.

The operations of Your Branch elbnt. during the last fiscal year, as exhibited in the Tabular statements recently received, appear to have been of a very satisfactory character

The Swaps forwarded, per "Prima Donna" have been received and will be Sold without delay, after which an account of the Sale of this and the preceding lot of Swaps will be sent to You and authority given to draw for the net proceeds.

Enclosed please find bills of lading for Crucibles, shipped to You on 14th inst, per Ship "Arey", and Aluminl Assay Bottles, on the 8th inst. per Ship "Noonday"

Very Respectfully,
J.W. Tillock
Director of the Mint.

R.J. Stevens Esq
Supt. Br. elbnt.
San Francisco Cal.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia Aug 5. 1862.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose a copy of a letter received by me to day, from Robt J. Stevens Esq. Superintendent of the Branch Mint. San Francisco, dated 10th ult. in relation to the purchase of Silver, from which it appears that the proposed purchase could not be made at the date of Mr Stevens letter. I also, enclose a telegram received on the 10th ult. from the same source, in relation to the purchase of Silver. The telegram being somewhat unintelligible, it was deemed best not to take any action upon it, until the Superintendent had been heard from by letter.

With respect to the proposition made by Mr Stevens, I have to remark that much as we need Silver for coinage, it does not seem desirable to take it from the Bullion Fund of the Branch Mint. A shipment of 50.000 ounces would only have the effect to diminish slightly the premium which now keeps Silver out of circulation. Our [illegible] was, to buy Silver enough, with U. S. Notes, to break down the premium: if this cannot be done, on advantageous terms, it seems hardly desirable to enter into the transaction at all. For

the time, the public is looking for the issue of stamps for change: this alone may have the effect to stop the buying and selling of silver change. At all events we may as well wait a little to see how it operates. In the meantime, all the silver that can be bought at San Francisco, with demand Notes, at 121 or even 122 cents per ounce standard, ought to be bought and laid in store, or sent forward by instalments.

Should the necessities of the Treasury for change at any time require it, the silver, or any part of it, preferred by the Stevens, can be sent to this Mint and made into coins of the smaller denominations.

I am with great respect,
Your Obt. Servant,
James Pollock, Director
per A. L. Linderman

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City

Telegram

Copy

San Francisco,
July 11, 1862,

To Hon James Brodie
Sec U. S. Mint,

The object of letter of June thirtieth is now impracticable, I send fifty thousand ounces from Bullion fund. It can be spared temporarily

Robert J Stevens

To.

Sec of Treasury,

Washington City

Letter in Relation to

Purchase of Silver Bullion

for Mint at San Francisco

also telegraph from Robt. J

Stevens, Supt Br. Mint in

relation to the matter,

Aug 5th 62

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, August 11th 1862.

Sir.

Since my last, I have not had the honor of hearing from you. The Overland Mail, however, has been exceedingly irregular, and I learn that a very large quantity of letters will arrive this evening from the East. Should such be the case, I will doubtless, receive a letter from you.

The Ship "Fearless" with Mudsill for this Branch, has arrived.

The Steamer "Golden Gate" which left this Port on the 21st ultmo, having been burned, and all the express matter lost, - I have duplicated the correspondence of that date, and herewith, enclose the same.

Herewith, please find the following papers.

Letter from Supt to Director, dated July 19. 1862. } Originally sent
Condition of Branch at close of Month of June 1862. } on the Steamer
Gold Deposits & Coinage during June 1862. } "Golden Gate."
Silver Purchases & " " " } sailed from San Francisco
Unpaid Deposits at close of 2nd Quarter 1862. } July 21. 1862.

Monthly Count & Examination, July 31st 1862.
Condition of Branch Mint at close of Month of July 1862.

Very Respectfully.
Your Obedient Servant.

Robt J. Stevens
Superintendent

Maj Gen A. Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Branch Mint of the United States.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

San Francisco, Aug 11th 1862

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I have the honor to hand you the duplicate Certificate of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at this place for Seven Thousand five hundred & Sixty Seven 69/100 Dollars $7567 69/100. the amount of the Profits of this Branch for the month of July accruing as follows viz.

For Deductions on Gold Deposits	5384.92
" " " Silver Purchases	1904.92
" " " " Deposited for Fine Bars	277.85

Transferred to the United States Treasury on Warrant of the Superintendent and in accordance with Section 16 page 9 of printed instructions.

The Original is reserved as a voucher to accompany the Quarterly Bullion Account

I am

Very Respectfully

Your obt Servt

D. Scannell

Treasurer

F. G.

Or James Pollock

Director of United States Mint

Philadelphia

Pa

Headquarters
Augusta 1862
S. Train.

No. 2

Office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States,

San Francisco, California, Aug 11 1862

I Certify, That The Treasurer of the Branch Mint at San Francisco California has this day deposited to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Seven thousand five hundred & Sixty Seven 69/100 Dollars, on account of an amount accruing from Gold & Silver Bullion deposited during July 1862 to be placed to the Credit of appropriation for Contingent Expenses of Branch Mint San Francisco for which I have signed Triplicate Receipts.

Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

$7567 69/100

Deductions
July 1862
San Francisco

Newark N. J. Aug 17/62

Hon James Pollock.
Direct of U. S. Mint
Philad^a

Dear Sir,

We forwarded to you yesterday by Adams Express Co., Eleven hundred, and twenty Seven 60/100, for Balance of our Bill of Sweeping, you will much oblige us by sending your receipt

meanwhile we remain your
very respectfully
Balbach & Dieffenbach
per Alb. Frey

To & From

Balbach & Edgerton,

Newark

N. J.

Rec'pt of $1127.10 for

Bill of Owers.

Also in relation to,

Deeds from Cal.

Aug 14 1851

Aug 14. 2.

Gentlemen.

I have received your letter of the 12th inst. and also, the Eleven Hundred & Twenty Seven 60/100 dollars therein referred to. which amount has been placed to the credit of your account.

I am expecting the arrival, in a few days. of an additional shipment of Lumber from Cal: comprising fifty seven Bls., when received & stored an opportunity will be afforded You to sample & bid for the same.

Very Respectfully,
James Pollock,
Director
per H. R. Linderman

Messrs Ballard & Offenbach,
Newark.
New Jersey.

Superintendent's Office, U.S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, August 20th 1862.

Sir.

Since my last I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th July, with instructions governing official settlements of accounting Officers, and deliveries of bullion, of which I have taken particular note, & by which I shall be entirely guided.

I received, also, on the 12th inst, a further letter from the Hon Secty of the Treasury authorizing purchase of "mixed bullion", to be paid for in U.S. Notes. I have answered it as heretofore, stating the impossibility of purchasing on the terms proposed, at the present juncture; - were it otherwise, I have no U.S. Notes. I have the impression gathered from the late telegrams from the East, announcing the authorization of Postage Stamps as a currency, that the measure is to meet the deficiency of small silver coin, & presume that it is from this cause, that no notice is taken of my telegram of July 11, suggesting the temporary use of a portion of the refined silver, constituting a part of our Bullion fund. I would beg to have the attention of the Department called to the fact that the balances due on Requisition for Quarter, ending June 30th, & on requisition against special appropriation of $20.000, for fiscal yr endg June 30/62, are not yet met; - also, that no Draft has yet arrived to meet the requisition for the current quarter. Enclosed, please find the following Papers.

Gold & Silver Deposits and Coinage, during July 1862.
Localities from whence Gold Bullion was received during July 1862.
Letter to the Hon Secty of Treasury.

Very Respectfully, Yr Obt Servant.

Robt Stevens Superintendent.

Hon Jas Pollock
Director &c.
Philada. Pa.

From Lo

Supt R. Affairs

San Francisco
(Aug 20. 1862)

Sept 20. 1862

Reports for duty ordered
Instruction to non receipt
of drafts for Requisitions
made

Philada. Sept. 22. 1862.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter of the 20th ult. with the enclosures stated.

As requested, I have called the attention of the Department to the non-receipt of drafts for Your recent requisitions. In communicating with the Department on this subject, I took occasion to recommend that all important mail matter, for Your institution, should be sent from New York, by Express. If this were done Your drafts would be promptly on their way.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
Jas. Ronaldson
Director of the Mint.

Robert J. Stevens Esq.
Superintendent Pro. School
Trenton
New Jersey

Melter and Refiner's Office

U. S. Branch Mint, San Francisco,

August 25 ~~to 18~~ 62

R. J. Stevens Esq
Superintendent

Sir

The following articles are wanted for the Melter & Refiner's dept, to be shipped from the Atlantic states via Cape Horn.

50 Nests of Sand Pots—.
500 lbs of Nitre (Best quality).
400 " Corrosive Sublimate.

The Sand Pots to be of the very best quality, and it is necessary for the largest pot in each nest, to be at least in size equivalent to a No 20 Black Lead pot. These Sand Pots are actually necessary in working the Washoe Bullion, and therefore I

am particular in stating the size and quality. This quality of sand just is found, and have seen in a nest.—

Very Respectfully
Yours &c
W. S. Dunn

Order

Brit S.T.

August 25. 1862

The United States. — a/c Branch Mint, San Francisco

To Nathan Trotter & Co. Dr.

1862. Augst 23. 23,000 pounds Ingot copper for alloy $5,535.00

I certify that the article above specified has been received, and that the price paid was just and reasonable

Jno. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Received, at Philadelphia this 25th day of August 1862 from Archibald McIntyre Esq. Treasurer of the Mint, the Sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Five Dollars, in full payment of the above account.

$5,535 00

(Signed in Duplicate)

a/c Payments
Nathan Trotter

Ranchelbuit San Francisco

Incidental Contingent Expenses,

Voucher No. 1

August 25, 1862

$55.35

Mint Copper

Superintendent's Office, U.S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, August 28th 1862.

Sir.

Since my last, I have not had the honor of hearing from you.

On the 21st inst, I issued Warrants, transferring to the custody of the Assistant Treasurer, - the balances of the "Bullion Depait P&L a/c" and "Silver Purchase P&L a/c", as they stood at the close of the last fiscal year, to wit:

Balance of B.D. P&L a/c.	$81.176.64
" " S.P. P&L a/c.	15.089.09
Total.	$96.265.73,

being the net profits of these a/cs from July 1. 1861 to July 1. 1862.

I have the honor to enclose, herewith, a requisition for the amounts necessary for the support of the Branch, for the Qr ending, Decem 31st 1862, - and would respectfully call your attention to the fact, that no Draft has yet been received for the requisition of the current Qur, ending September 30. 1862, - nor, on balances due on requisitions for last fiscal year.

I also, enclose, a Requisition from the Melter & Refiner for Sand Pots, Nitre & Corrosive Sublimate, to be shipped via "Cape Horn." The Sand Pots last received were of excellent quality, and we would be pleased to receive the same make. "F. Goebel & Son" is the brand.

Very Respectfully.
Your Obedient Servant.

Robt J. Stevens
Superintendent.

Hon James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

From Co.

Robt. J. Stevens Esq
Supt Br. Mint
San Francisco

Army Coins & Reports
for August forwarded
& received.

Non receipt of drafts

Requisition for 2d
Quarter Fiscal year
enclosed.

$15,000 in fine Silver
bullion to be transferred
to the Bullion Fund
of this Mint

Sept 30, 1862

Branch Mint Correspondence

Sept. 1862.

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, September 2nd 1862.

Sir.

Since my last I have had the honor to receive your communications of the 23rd July and 7th August;- the former enclosing a letter addressed to yourself by the Hon Secty of the Treasury on the subject of purchasing Silver or "Mixed Bullion" for transmission to the Mint. As stated in my letter of the 20th August, I have received a letter from the same source and of the same tenor as the enclosed;- it is, however, still impossible to purchase on the terms therein mentioned, and if it were, I have not been supplied with U. S. Notes,- as by the tenor of your letter of June 28th, I was induced to expect I should be. The letter of the Hon Secty of June 5th gave me authority to purchase to the extent of about $50.000 per Mo until further instructions, and to pay for the same in Drafts on the Asst Treas.r of the U. S. at N.Y. A later letter (July 17th) in conformity with your recommendation of my suggestion to purchase in small quantities & pay for them here in U. S. Notes, authorized the purchase of $15.000 of the "mixed bullion" & the silver estimated at $1.21 pr standard oz,- if they could be had at 12pr ct lep than their value;- this letter which I understood to imply the payment for the Bullion in U.S. Notes here, did not indicate any source from which these notes should be obtained. If I understand the purport of your last letter on the subject, aright, I am instructed to purchase the "mixed bullion" whenever it can be obtained on the terms expressed in the Hon Secty's letter of July 17th;- but as I cannot learn of any U. S. Notes being sent me or placed

at my disposal in accordance with the apparent design of that letter, should a favorable contingency arise, I would be unable to act unless upon the authority of the previous letter of June 5th,- which, perhaps, would not be sufficient. I do not expect to be able to purchase as long as Gold commands any considerable premium. The Bankers here are still selling sight currency drafts on Points at the East, at 12 per cent discount, which is about equivalent to 16 per cent premium on gold here. The late decision of the Supreme Court of this state just rendered, (in the case of Perry vs Washburn, City Collector, to compel the latter to receive legal tender notes in payment of taxes,) holding that "Coin" alone is receivable for taxes, will operate unfavorably to the circulation of these notes. I, therefore, leave the matter here, having given all the information in my possession, & submitting that if it is still contemplated to purchase the Bullion on the terms of letter of July 17th,- the Notes should be supplied.

My suggestion to make a temporary use of a portion of the silver in our remaining "Bullion Fund," was made reluctantly and as a last resort, in view of what seemed by your letters, an extremely urgent case, and with the expectation of its being speedily replaced by a change in the Market.

I am gratified to receive, to day, by your letter of August 7th, official notification of the appropriation for the current Fiscal year;- as also, notice of the reception, approval and forwarding of the Requisition for the expenses of the current quarter,- the Draft for which has not yet been received. The Branch is now without money,- the balances due on the two previous requisitions, viz: that for Quarter ending June 30, (balance due $23,481.40) & that for special appropriation for Fiscal year ending at the same date,

(balance due, $6,431.99) total ($29,915.39) not having yet come to hand.

I have asked from the heads of departments of the Branch for the Estimates upon which to base the application for the appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1864, and expect to forward them by the next Steamer.

Enclosed, please find the following papers.

Monthly Count and Examination August 31. 1862.
Statement of Assay Coins received during Aug 1862.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent.

Wm James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Philadelphia Sept. 30. 1862.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your letters of the 28th ult. and 2nd inst. with the enclosures stated. also. a package containing the assay coins of Your institution for the Month of August last.

I have called the attention of the Department to the non receipt of drafts for Your late requisitions. and suggested that, hereafter, important mail matter for Your Branch should be sent by Express. This course will no doubt prevent the present irregularity in the receipt by You of drafts. &c.

As we are very much in need of fine silver for our refinery I suggested to the Department, a few days since, the propriety of transferring Fifteen Thousand Dollars, in fine Silver bullion, from Your Bullion Fund to the Bullion Fund of the Mint. The Secretary of the

Treasury has approved the Suggestion, and caused to be issued a Warrant for draft for the Amount stated. payable in fine Silver bullion, which You will please forward in such form as may be most convenient to You. I suppose You can have it sent to New York, on the same terms as You expected to ship the silver bullion which You were instructed some time since to purchase for transmission to this Mint. The funds will be paid here on the arrival of the Silver. If it does not conflict with the instructions of the Department, You will cause the bullion in question to be consigned to "Wm. S. Stuart, Philadelphia" care of "Williams Haven & Co., New York".

As there does not appear to be any probability of Your being able, in the present State of the Money Market, to purchase Silver bullion for instructions sent You a few months since, a reply to so much of Your recent Communications as relates to this subject, does not appear to be necessary. I will therefore only remark that

I inferred from the Secretary's letter anticipating the purchase of the mixed bullion, that Treasury Notes to pay for the same, had been, or would be, forwarded by you.

I am very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant,
J. C. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Robt. J. Stevens Esq.,
Superintendent Pro. Mint,
San Francisco,
Cal.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
Sept 5, 1862,

James H Walton Esqr,
late Assistant Treasurer,
Philadelphia.

Sir

Your account per Report no 144557 for reimbursment of principal of Temporary Loan under act of Feby 25, 1862 has been adjusted at the Treasury Account closed no balance being found. Which agrees with your account,

Your account per Report no 144561 for payment of Interest on Public Debt "Nz" On certificate of Deposit under act of Feby 25, 1862 has been adjusted at the Treasury and there has been found to the U S a balance of $335,86

Your account exhibits no balance,

over

Difference arises as follows

Viz" Item on which credit was
suspended in Report No 144333 for want
of evidence of authority for making
payment to the Attorney,
Payable Jany 1. 1861, Loan of 1860 Coupon bonds,
The Bank of Harrisburg paid to Henry
McConnell $100.27
5.42
105,69

Suspended in Report No 144347 for same cause
Loan of 1842
Eliza Ange Cooper Wife of F. Cooper paid
to A Peart Atty"
Due July 1. 1861 $30, Jany 1. 1862 $30, 60.00
Warrant on the Treasurer. not included
in your account 70.20

Difference 235.89

Respectfully Yours,

Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller,

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

Settled Accounts.

~~Philadelphia~~, Letter 186

Branch Mint San Francisco	Comptroller	May 22 '62
Ordinary Account U.S.M.	"	July 1 '62
Reimbursements to Banks Acts July 17 & Aug 5 '61	"	" 16
Interest on Treasury Notes March 2 '61	"	" 19
Bullion & Coinage Exs of Mint	"	Aug 20
Interest on the Public Debt	"	Sep. 18
Principal of Temp'y Loan, Act Feb. 25 '62	"	5

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
Sept 18, 1862,

James H Walton Esq,
late Assistant Treasurer,
Philadelphia,

Sir,

Your account for payment of interest on the Public Debt per Report No 144591 has been adjusted at the Treasury no balance being found the account is thereon closed.

Respectfully Yours,

Elisha Whittlesey
Comptroller.

Sept. 4. 2.

Sir.

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint San Francisco. of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution on the 31st day of July last.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Obt. Servant.
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To Sec Treasury

Reports of duty monthly
Court at Br. Admr
San Francisco,

Sept 4. 1862

Branch Mint of the United States.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

San Francisco, Sept 18th 1862

Sir

Enclosed herewith I have the honor to hand you the Duplicate Certificate of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at this place for Eleven thousand Seven hundred & 66/100 Dollars $11,700.66/100 the amount of the Profits of this Branch for the Month of August accruing as follows viz.

For Deductions on Gold Deposits	$966.14
" " " Silver Purchases	1809.42
" " " Deposited for Fin. Bars	925.10

Transfered to the United States Treasury on Warrant of the Superintendent and in accordance with Section 16 page 9 of printed instructions

The Original is reserved as a voucher to accompany the Quarterly Bullion Account

I am
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
D. N. Cheesman
Treasurer

To
Jas Pollock
Director of United States Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

San Francisco

Deductions

August 1862

No. 21

Office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States,
San Francisco, California, Sept 18. 1862

I Certify, That the Treasurer of the Br. Mint San Francisco Calfa

has this day deposited to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred & 66/100 Dollars, on account of an amount accruing from Gold & Silver Bullion deposits during August 1862 to be placed to the Credit of appropriations for contingent expenses of Branch Mint San Francisco.

for which I have signed Triplicate Receipts.

D M Chesnutt
Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

$ 11,700.66

Phila Dec. Sept. 22. 1862.

Sir.

In calling your attention to the enclosed extract from a letter of the Superintendent of the Branch at this San Francisco. Cal. dated 20th ult. respecting the non-receipt of drafts. on account of Requisitions made, I take the liberty of respectfully suggesting to the Department, the propriety of sending mail matter for the Branch at this by Express. from New York. We have sent ours through that medium for a year past. and without the detention or loss of a package. It is quite evident from the frequent delays by the overland mail that it cannot be relied on for the prompt transmission of important communications. drafts &c.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
J. W. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

Sec. Treasury

Enclosing letter from
Supt Br. Mint
San Francisco as
to non receipt of
drafts.

Suggest that mail
matter be sent by Express

Sept 22, 1862

Philadelphia Sept 22. 1862.

Sir.

I transmit herewith a letter from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint, San Francisco, in relation to the purchase of silver bullion for transmission to this institution.

It appears that a considerable portion of the U.S. Bullion Fund at the Branch Mint, consists of fine silver, and that a part thereof, can be shared without detriment to the efficiency of that institution. This being the case, it occurs to me to suggest the transfer of say Fifteen Thousand Dollars ($15,000) in fine silver bullion, from the U. S. Bullion Fund of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco to the Bullion Fund of the Mint, at Philadelphia, where it is required to enable us to bring to the proper standard for coinage, the base silver which has accumulated during the past year. Otherwise, we shall have to refine the bullion in question at considerable expense. I may, also, mention the fact that, when we come to establish the Branch Mint, at Denver,

and 5,000 ounces of fine silver will have to be sent there for the Refinery. The proposed transfer from San Francisco, to this institution, will enable us to furnish it, when required.

If the foregoing proposition meets Your approval, You will please cause a <u>Requisition</u> to be issued on the Treasurer of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco, in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, at Philadelphia, for Fifteen Thousand Dollars, <u>payable in fine Silver Bullion</u>, with instructions to ship the proceeds to the Mint at Philadelphia, - care of Adams Express Co. New York.

The Expenses of transportation can be paid at the Mint, out of the Profits on the Silver Coinage.

I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock

Director of the Mint.

Hon. S. P. Chase,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington City.

Treasury of the United States,

Washington, D. C. 23 Sept: 1862

Sir:

I have this day issued a Transfer Draft in your favor on the Treasurer of the Branch Mint San Francisco for $ 15.000 in fine Silver Bullion, for transportation to you by Adams Express Company

Very respectfully, yours,

E. D. Hinman

Dr. U.S.

To the Treasurer U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

If the Draft in question does forward by the Steamer which leaves New York to day for Cal; the Silver bullion may be expected to arrive at New York in about Fifty days, say about 15th November next

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Treasurer of U. S.

Sept 23. 1862

Sec Treasury

Suggest transfer
of Fine Silver
from Bullion Fund
to Mint and Assay Offices
U.S. Mint
Sept. 22, 1862

Philadelphia Sept. 29. 1862.

Sir

I transmit herewith, duly approved, a Requisition from the Superintendent, of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco, for $61,682.03, payable out of the balances to the credit of the Appropriations for the support of that institution, and required to meet the expenses thereat, during the past quarter of the ~~year~~.

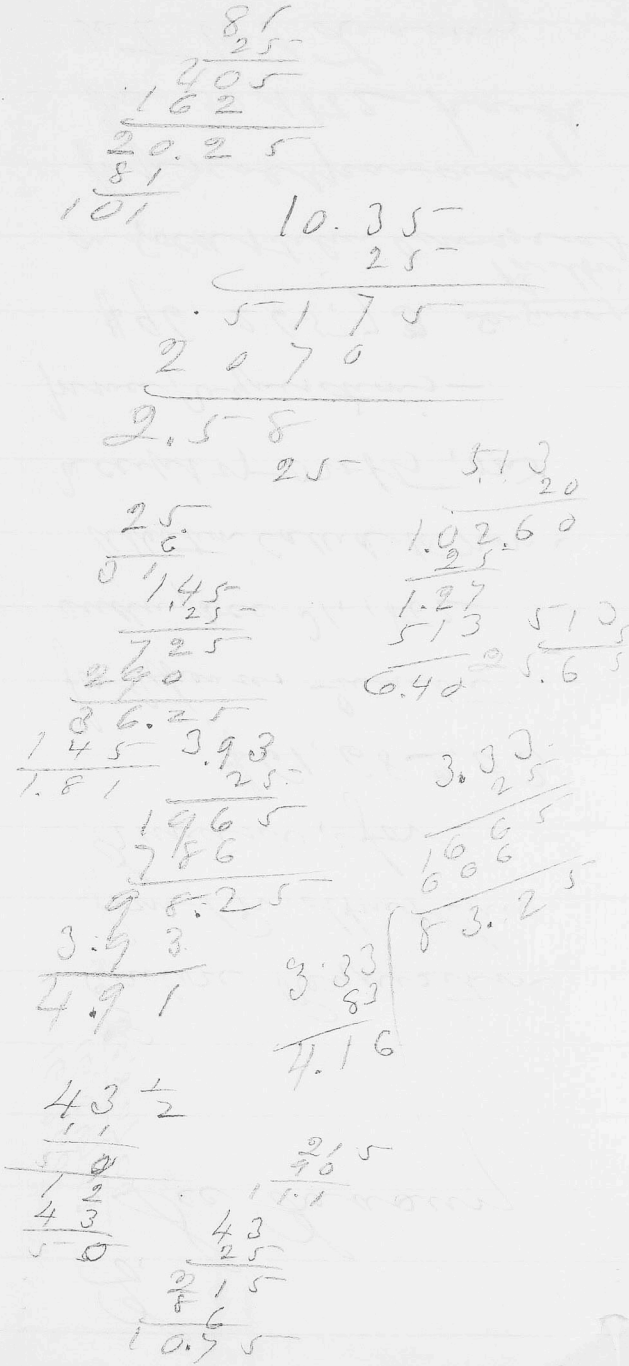
By an [illegible] of the 2nd inst, a copy of the Superintendent's under date of 2nd inst, a copy of the draft for the Requisition to meet the expenses of the last quarter has not yet been received. The Branch is now without money, — the balances due on the two bearing requisitions, viz: that for Quarter ending June 30th, (balance due $23,482.--) and that for the same appropriation for fiscal Year ending at the same date, (balance due $6,431.99) total $29,915.39,- are not yet come to hand.

I have to state for your information, that pursuant to law, there was transferred on the 28th ult. by the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, to the Assistant Treasurer U.S. there, the sum of $96,265.73, being the Seignorage on the gold and silver coinage, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1863.

I am the Honorable,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City

Mint of the United States.



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Sec Treasury

16,260
16,547.03
61,682.03

Enclose Requisition
from Pr. Asst Saw
Kuwasa, for
$61,682.03
for Officers Quarters
ending Dec 31, 1862
Attention called to non-
receipt of drafts, on
former requisitions —
$96,265.73. Seigniorage
on Gold & Silver Coin sent
Pr. Asst
for fiscal year ending
June 30, 1862 paid
into U.S. Treasury
Sept 29, 1862

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, September 30th 1862.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 30th, with enclosures.

I note your favorable sale of Sweep, as mentioned by previous letter. The difference in Apay Value, I believe, has always been in favor of your Mint Apay, and I have instituted inquiries on this subject, - but without result so far. The Sweep are now worked so closely, as to average much less in value per lb, (only about 12 cents,) than formerly, and it seems, therefore, doubly desirable that they should be sold or disposed of here, as the expenses of shipment are nearly the same whether they are of a high or low value. A Mr Pitcher has made an offer for them, - but so low that I could not entertain it. He offers, also, to reduce them by some new process, (as he claims,) and make returns of the proceeds, at a charge of thirty dollars per ton. I am about to examine into it, and should this manner of realizing upon them appear practicable and safe, - will submit it.

In my letter of September 10th, I submitted the statement of Messrs Judson & Co of the "Chemical Works" in regard to their proposal to supply acids, and their suggestion advising the shipment of acid from the East in a certain contingency. They have since then, (on the 16th inst,) called upon me to say that they had dispatched a vessel for Nitrate of Soda, and feel confident that there will be no lack of supply. The Shipment then conditionally

requested, will therefore, be unnecessary.

The Summary of Estimates for Appropriation for Expenses of "Fiscal Year," ending June 30th 1864, were dispatched by last Mail. You will see that I have asked for $190.479.85 to be appropriated for this purpose, (in addition to the "profits" available.) I will, again, state that the Estimates are closely figured, and the sum required will not bear reduction, and, also, that the estimated surplus at the end of the present "fiscal year," is based entirely upon the assumed correctness of the balance in the Treasury subject to Requisition for use of this Branch, July 1st 1862,- namely, $55.215.26/100. If any "unexpended balances" have been ~~re~~-transfered to the "Surplus Fund," a corresponding alteration must be made in the amount required, and for this, I rely implicitly on your care and attention.

The Post Master of this place, Mr Parker has made a repeated an urgent request for half-dimes. The Cutter of this Branch assures me that he could without much hindrance to the other work, and without any alteration issue them if he were provided with the necessary dies. I mention this that if no objection exists, some half-dime dies may be prepared & sent with the working dies of the Year 1863.

I would earnestly request your ~~attention~~ attentive consideration of the enclosed letter setting forth the embarrasements under which the Branch labors for the want of money.

I also, enclose, a statement of the Assay Coins for September 1862.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Robt J Stevens
Superintendent.

Hon James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia. Pa.

Superintendents Office U. S. Branch Mint
San Francisco, Cal. Sep. 30 th 1862.

Sir,

I wish particularly to call your attention to a source of great embarassment in the administration of this Branch, arising from the delays that occasionally occur at the Department in sending the Treasurer the Drafts for Requisitions to meet the current expences thereof.

The manner of making these Requisitions since my Superintendency has been to ask for one quarter of the Appropriation for the current year, - including the parting charge, of the Branch which has been transfered to the U. S. Treasury since the last previous requisition, at a period sufficiently early to give time for the Draft, sent from Washington in honor thereof, (if promptly dispatched), to arrive before the close of the Quarter, covered by said Requisition. In some instances the Requisitions have been met with the utmost promptitude - as in the case of my first two requisitions, for Expences of Quarter ending Sep. 30th & Dec. 31. 1861 - the Drafts for which were received by the Treasurer of this Branch, in both cases, within two months from date of Requisition.

Meanwhile, the Draft to meet Requisition of my Predecessor (dated Feb 19 th 1861) for Quarter ending June 30 th 1861 had not arrived, & did not arrive until Dec. 5 1861.

The Draft for the next following Requisition of mine for (Quarter ending march 31st 1862) was not received until June 2nd 1862. My next requisition for the closing Quarter of the last Fiscal year was only honored in part & received June 27th. & the Requisition for special appropriation of $20.000 for use of same Fiscal year. (Made April 30th 1862) was also only partially honored, - because as stated by letter of Assistant Secretary Cannington, the Appropriations were exhausted; - at the same time the Books of the Treasurer of this Branch, show conclusively, that there exists an unexpended balance of $55.215 26/100 still subject to Requisition, after crediting all the Drafts named as per Statement forwarded to you with my letter of July 31st 1862. The Requisition dated June 30th 1862, for Expenses of the current Quarter, also still remains unhonored. Perhaps the following table will place the matter more plainly before you.

Date of Requisition	For Expenses of Quarter ending	Date of Draft to meet it.	When rec'd by the Treas.	Amt. of Requisition	Amount Rec'd
1861	1861	1861	1861		
Feb. 19	June 30th	Novem. 5.	Decem 5	$52,858.51	52.858.51
June 17	Sep 30th	July 19.	Aug 13	$69,012.96	69,012.96
Aug 27th	Dec, 31st	Oct. 2nd	Oct. 29th	68.989.42	68,989.42
Dec 30th 1862	Mar. 31.	1862 ap. 21.	1862 June 2nd	66.829.99	66,829.99
Feb 24	June 30th	May 30th	June 27th	56,269.17	32.785.77
April 30.	Fiscal year 1861. 1862	May 30.	June 27.	20.000.00	13.568.01
June 30.	Sep 30.	———	———	79,784.14	

All of the above Requisitions were approved & forwarded, as per letters received from yourself by return mail.

From the aforestated causes, I have been unable on several occasions, and for sometime together, to pay "Wages" "Salaries" and other "Expences" of the Branch. This was the case in the latter part of 1861, for nearly three months, and again, during the present year this has occurred solely for want of the Drafts. - There being always a large amount of money in the Dist. Treasury here, - from one to two millions. The Wages &c. of Feb. March, April & May, were not paid until receipt of Draft, (in honor of Requisition for 2nd Quarter ending March 31st) in the second of June. During most of this time, the contract bills for Acids, Wood, Coal &c, were also unpaid, & large portion of bills of this character, accruing during the past two months, are now unpaid, as also the Wages &c of July August & the present month. This is particularly hard on the Clerks & Laborers whose wages have been reduced, - who have been repeatedly called upon to give in this very liberal and loyal country, for some purpose or other growing out of the war, - and who are unable for the most part, when they are paid, to use the Government notes without being subjected to a heavy discount thereon, many of them, in fact most of them, are obliged to hypothecate their pay, under these circumstances at exhorbant rates of interest, three & four per cent per month & upwards.

This state of things is beginning also, to affect the

the Tradesmen who supply the small items of consumption, - who begin to be averse, if not averse, to furnish the Government, & it is also getting to be more difficult to purchase advantageously, as we have repeatedly failed to pay promptly for purchases that have been made favorably upon supposition of cash payments, upon which basis all purchases are made.

The desirableness of sustaining the Government credit at this particular juncture, will also present itself as one of the not less important reasons for endeavoring to remedy this evil. Of my own mortification in this connexion I do not speak. I am aware that the unusual and immense pressure of business at the Department may in some measure account for this apparent neglect - but I have deemed it my duty to the Government and to the unpaid employees and Tradesmen to place these facts before you, and earnestly commend them to your consideration - the more particularly as with all the lights before me, the remedy seems so simple. As all this while, there has been a large balance in the vaults of the Sub. Treasury here.

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Should there be any unexplained difference between the balance due at the close of the last Fiscal year, as stated by the Books of this Branch and those of the Department, - even this does not affect the Requisition for this current quarter closing to day and I therefore cannot upon this hypothesis account for the non, arrival of the Draft to meet it.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
Rob. J. Stevens,
Superintendent.

Hon. James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Philada.
Pa.

P. S. With regard to the subject present in the foregoing letter I shall be very glad to receive any instructions or information, and shall await your answer with solicitude.

Ro. J. S.
Supt.

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, October 2nd 1862.

Sir.

Enclosed, please find a Requisition from the Coiner for 12 Files, similar in size and dimensions to the drawing. The need of their arriving here in time to have our Annealing Furnaces repaired at the next Annual Settlement, is the reason for requesting the sending of them per Steamer, "via Panama".

This letter I forward per "Overland Mail"; as the next Steamer does not leave until the 11th inst; - at which time, I will enclose a duplicate Requisition.

As per instructions, I continue to send the letters and various reports to you, by Wells Fargo & Co's Express, - leaving here on the 1st, - 11th, and 21st of each month.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent.

Hon James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

R. J. Stevens Esq
Supt. Br. Mint. San Francisco.

October 31. 2.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 10th. 19th. & 30th. ultr. and 2nd. inst. with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the Assay Coins of your institution for the month of September last.

On the receipt of Your letter of the 10th. ultr. in relation to the proposition of Messrs Judson & Co. for supplying Your Branch Mint with acids, I addressed a communication to the Secretary of the Treasury, urging the early acceptance by the Department of the proposition in question, and that his decision should be forwarded to You by Telegraph. The Secretary, under date of the 18th. inst. informed me of his having instructed You by telegraph as follows: "Accept the Offer of Judson & Co. for acids at the prices stated in Your dispatch to Director, 31st December. He will explain by mail". As a convenient mode of presenting the views of the Department, in relation to the application of Judson & Co. for the remission of duty on Nitrate of Soda, imported by them, I enclose herewith a copy of the letter of the Secretary of the Treasury to me, on the subject.

I transmitted to the Department, on the 25th. inst.

Your letter to me of 30th ult. respecting the irregular manner in which drafts for Your Requisitions are received, and recommended that a draft for an Amount sufficient to cover all Your Requisitions to date, be sent forward as early as convenient, and that Your requisitions hereafter be promptly met, and the drafts covering the same, sent to You by Wells Fargo & Co. Express.

I forwarded to You on the 15th inst. per Express, Five Hundred Dollars in Half Dimes. Dies for the [illegible] Coin will be sent to you according to Your request.

In order that no mistake might be made in the Estimates for your Branch, for the next fiscal Year, I requested the Department a few days since, to furnish me with a statement of the Amount to the credit of Your appropriation, on the Books of the Treasury on the 30th ult. This information, when received, will with the data furnished by You, enable me to Estimate correctly the Amount necessary to be appropriated, for the service of the next fiscal Year.

Enclosed please find Bills of Lading, for Nitre, Corrosive Sublimate and Sand Crucibles, recently Shipped to Your Branch Mint. The File requested by Your Coiner, has been ordered, and will be ready to forward in about one month.

Respectfully Yours &c
J. [illegible]
Director

Item 170 Supt. R. Mtns
San Francisco.
Cal
Sept. 2. 10. 20 + 30th Sept.
and Oct. 2. 1862

Proposition of Judson & Co.
for supplying R. Mtns
with Coals. — Accepted.
In relation to delay in
receiving Funds on
Requisitions.
Annual Estimates

Note. Coroner Subsistence
& Sandwiches forwarded
Ltr ordered.

Half drums H. & W. —
forwarded. Dies for
H. drums requested.
Assay Coins for Sept.
rec'd. Acct.
Oct 31. 1862.

Correspondence
Branch Mints.
October 1862.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, October 4, 1862

Hon S. P. Chase

Sec. of Treasury.

Sir

I have at length received replies to inquiries addressed to gentlemen in San Francisco, in reference to the limitation of Melting & Refining at the Branch Mint in that city.

From the ~~last~~ information obtained it is evident there is but one establishment in San Francisco, or vicinity that possesses the means, and ability to refine the gold and silver bullion deposited for minting purposes. That establishment is owned by Messrs Kelley, Heuston & Co - gentlemen of the highest respectability and integrity; and their responsibility is unquestioned. The capacity of their works is represented to be equal to the demands of all depositors; and the quality of the bars refined, generally good & fit for coinage. The use, in refining, of Sulphuric acid, instead of Nitric acid, as at the Mint, unless great care is taken, renders it necessary to toughen the bars thus refined, before they are fit for coinage. This difficulty occasionally occurs, but can be

avoided by proper care & attention.

Although there are private Assaying establishment in San Francisco, & elsewhere in California, yet the establishment of Messrs Kellogg, Hewston &c is the only one having facilities for refining to any extent; and the other private refineries are not of the capacity and character contemplated by the Act of Congress of 4th March 1853. It is provided in this Act, that when "private establishments" shall be made to refine gold bullion the Sec. of the Treasury, if he shall deem them capable of executing the work, is authorized and required to limit the amount thereof which shall be refined in the Mint, from quarter to quarter & to reduce the same progressively as such establishments shall be extended or multiplied so as eventually & as soon as may be exclude refining" &c. The requirement of establishments (more than one) capable of executing such work, involves the idea, and necessity of a proper competition, to protect the rights and interests of depositors, in the absence of facilities now afforded by the Mint & Branches.

There is a great diversity of opinion among the

citizens of California, interested in mining operations, on the subject of limiting refining, and eventually excluding it from the Mint. This is evident from the correspondence herewith submitted to you.

Under all the facts of the case as represented to me, and believed to exist, and with the views entertained of the law as applicable to these facts, I cannot recommend the limitation exactly, of refining in the Branch Mint at San Francisco. The object desired by the parties urging the change, and in working the exercise of your power, under the law, can easily be secured in another way. It can be accomplished practically and efficiently, by giving to the depositor of refined bullion, a Standard bears a preference in payment therefor, over depositors of crude or unrefined bullion; securing the latter class of depositors from unnecessary delay.

This discrimination in favor of depositors of refined bars, would secure to them, and the private refining establishments all the advantages desired, and at the same time give to the officers of the Mint the regulation and control of every thing necessary to secure a coinage of legal

legal weight and standard fineness. It is but justice to the depositors of refined bars that such discrimination should be made in their favor. This however can only be done by an Act of Congress, as no authority is given in existing laws to make, or order such discrimination, to be made. By the 30th Sec. of the Act of January 18th 1837, establishing the Mint it is provided that "the payments shall be made, if demanded, in the order in which the bullion shall have been brought to the Mint, giving priority according to priority of deposits only". This could be so modified by supplemental enactment, as fully to meet the views of those who claim a preference in the order of payment to depositors of refined bars, and at the same time secure the other class of depositors from imposition or unnecessary delays in payment for their deposites. Believing that the contingency do not exist that would justify the exercise of your power under present laws, by direct action, to limit refining in the Branch Mint at San Francisco, I therefore recommend the suggested change in priority of payment by Congress; and beyond this, neither private rights, nor public policy, urged in my opinion, require the interposition of your power in the premises.

Very Respectfully
J. Ross Snook Esq

To
The Sec Treasury

Report on subject
of limiting or
excluding Refineries
from Bd. of Trade
San Francisco,

Oct 4, 1862

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, 18

R. J. Stevens Supt
Jun 22. 1862

Chas P Rayskin Collector Port
Aug 8, 1862

Louis Heinrich
19 Jun 1862

16 May 1860
Lt Saxton
U S R

May 22. 62
W S Denis
Mint

Oct. 6. 2.

Sir.

Enclosed please find copy of a letter received by me, to day, from Robt. J. Stevens Esq. Supt. Br. Mint San Francisco, urging the necessity of action by You, on the proposals of Messrs Judson & Co. for supplying that Branch Mint with Acids, which was transmitted with my letter to You of 30th January last, with a favorable recommendation.

In inviting your attention to this subject, it is proper for me to state that the price of acids in this City, has advanced considerably during the last three months and there is no reason to infer that the price will become lower, on the contrary, a further advance is probable. The prices at which Messrs Judson & Co. propose to furnish acids are lower than they can now be delivered at San Francisco, from the East, and as the Branch Mint will require a certain amount of both Nitric and Sulphuric Acid whether Refining is limited thereat or not. I again recommend the

acceptance of the proposition in question, and would respectfully suggest early action on the subject lest arrangements for procuring supplies of Nitrate of Soda. — the principal article used in the manufacture of Nitric acid. — may not be made in time to insure a supply of acid to the Branch Mint.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obt Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

To
The Secretary of the Treasury

Respecting proposition of
Messrs Judson & Co to
supply Br. Mint San Francisco with acids &
request early action

Oct. 7, 1862

Duplicate

Coiner's Office.

U. S. Branch Mint, San Francisco.

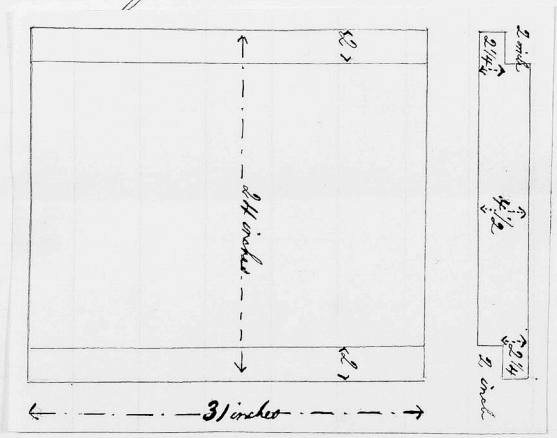
October 6th 1862

Sir.

By examining our Annealing Furnace I found the bed in a very bad condition.

We have no Files in the Storehouse to make the necessary repairs, wherefore You will please to order 12 Files according to description to be send by Steamer in order to get the Files in time for the annual Settlement

Respectfully Yours
Wm Schmolz.
Coiner



To

Robert J. Stevens Esqr.
Superintendent U. S. B. Mint

U. S. Branch Mint
San Francisco
Oct. 6. 1862.

Letter from Comer in
relation to the bad
condition of the annealing
Furnace

Newark N. J. Octob 9/62

Hon James C. Pollock.
Dir. of U. S. Mint
Philad.a

Dear Sir.

We are in possession of yours of the 8 inst and herewith have the plaisure to inform that we forwarded yesterday $ 2981.78 / Two thousand nine hundred Eighty one 78/100 Dollars in Gold Coin, amt of your Bill of Calf Mint Sweeps for which you will oblige us by sending your Order as soon as convenient

very respectfully yours
Wallach & Dreyfus
per Wm Grey

From Col Wilson Baldwin & Staff to Lincoln

Regiment & Delivery

Cor. Sumpter

87. Vols

Oct 10. 1862

Oct. 10. 62

Messrs Barnes & Smith
Saugatuck N.Y.

Gents

I have to say
a package of Cash envelopes has
been mailed payable to your
name but not received by you. Do
a Check for the amount
by you to the Treasurer Chief.
The amount you may remit at
your convenience.

Enclosed please find
an order for the delivery to you
of the Ships

Very Respectfully
Chas. E. Wood
Asst

Treasury of the United States.
Washington Oct. 10. 1862.

E. A. Potter Esq.
New York

Sir

I am in receipt
relative to Messrs Barnes & Smith's differences
of account, &c. the 57 bills of Change
in which you have made drawn in
favor thereof, which was brought
by him & that has been at
my request.

Very Respectfully
Chas. E. Wood
Assistant Secretary.

U. S. Mint
Philad.a Oct 9. 1862.

T. Selborn's Sons & Co.
Gentlemen.

I have to request that you will ship to the Branch Mint at San Francisca the following articles, viz:

500 pounds Nitre (Best Quality)
400 " Corrosive Sublimate

It being understood that you will furnish the first named article at 20 cts per pound, and the Corrosive Sublimate at 80 cents per pound,

Please have the articles packed in such manner as to prevent injury during the Shipment of the same, & present your account with the Bills of lading (both in duplicate) at this Office. Each via Cape Horn addressed as follows:

U. S. Branch Mint San Francisca Cal.a

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Treas.r of the Mint,

To,

S. Morris Perit &c

Phila

Order for $50 pounds
Nitro & 400 Cannisters
Sulkimate for Cap's
Pr. Mail
Oct 19. 1862

MERCHANTS EXPRESS LINE OF CLIPPER SHIPS
FOR
San Francisco

Randolph M. Cooley

88 WALL ST. (TONTINE BUILDING) NEW YORK.

MESSRS. DE WITT, KITTLE & CO.

AGENTS IN SAN FRANCISCO.

G.F. Nesbitt & Co. 165, 167, 169 & 171 Pearl & 79 Pine St. N.Y.

U. S. Branch Mint
San Francisco
Cal

37½ ft @ $13.02
Frt .65
$13.69

Shipped, in good order and condition by William Hill
on board the Clipper Ship called the Don Quixote whereof
Sott is Master, now lying at the Port of New York and bound for San Francisco.
To say

(1) One Cask Merchandise

being marked and numbered as in the margin, and are to be delivered in the like good order and condition, from the vessel's tackle whereunto for delivery, at the Port of San Francisco, (the dangers of the seas, fire and collision excepted) unto U. S. Branch Mint or to assigns, he or they paying freight for the said Goods in gold or silver coin, or their equivalent before delivery, if required, at the rate of, as per margin.

with five per cent primage and average accustomed. In Witness Whereof, the Master of the said vessel hath affirmed to Three Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date, one of which being accomplished, the others to stand void. Vessel not accountable for breakage, leakage or rust, if properly stowed, or for splits in plank. Contents and weight unknown.

Dated in New York, the 14th day of October 1862

Randolph M. Cooley For the Master.

1 Bill of Lading for
Articles shipped to San
Francisco per Steamer
Don Quixotte
October 15th 1866

Washington M. Cooley
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
Office 38 Montgomery St. Opposite Plaza
San Francisco

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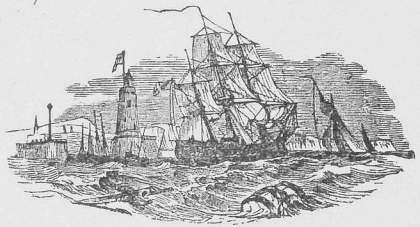
T. MORRIS PEROT & CO.
WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS,
No. 621 Market and 612 St. James Streets,
PHILADELPHIA.



MARKS AND NUMBERS.

U. S. Br. Mint
San Francisco. Cal.

29 4/12 @ 35 $ 10.27
Jugs 51
Charges 1.75 10,78
Exchange 26 2.01
$ 12.79

SHIPPED, in good order and condition, by **T. MORRIS PEROT & CO.,**
in and upon the Ship called the Prima Donna
whereof Herriman is Master for the present Voyage, and now lying in
the Port of ~~PHILADELPHIA~~ New York, and bound for San Francisco. Cal.

(1) One BOXES,
(5) Five KEGS,
——— BBLS.

Being marked and numbered as in the margin; to be delivered in like good order and condition, at the aforesaid Port of San Francisco — (the dangers of the Seas only excepted) unto The U S Mint or to —— Assigns, he or they paying Freight for the said Goods at the rate of Thirty five Cents per foot and Charges $1 25/100 with 50% Exchange 5% primage and average accustomed. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Master or Purser of the said Vessel hath affirmed to Four Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date; one of which being accomplished, the other to stand void.

Dated at ~~PHILADELPHIA~~ New York, the 17th day of October 1862

H Herriman

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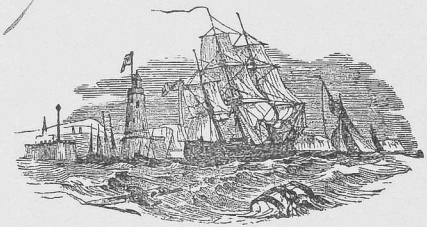
WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS,
No. 621 Market and 612 St. James Streets,
PHILADELPHIA.



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29 4/12 ft 35 $ 10.27
per 51
10.78
Charges 1.75
Exchge 26, 2.01
$12.79

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Dated at ~~PHILADELPHIA~~ New York, the 17th day of October 1862

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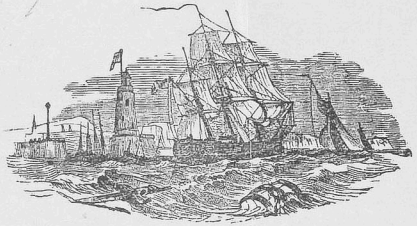

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San Francisco. Cal.

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Dated at ~~PHILADELPHIA~~ New York, the 17th day of October 1862

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Bill of Lading for
1 Box & 5 Kegs, marked
U.S. Br. Mint, San Francisco
California, shipped
per Steamer "Prima Donna"
Oct. 17. 1862

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, October 20th 1862.

Sir.

I had the honor of acknowledging on the 30th ult^o,- the receipt of your letter of August 30th. Since then I have received no further favors from you.

On Yesterday, the Treasurer received a Draft for $ 79. 784. 14/100, it being in honor of Requisition sent from here on the 30th June, (and duly received, approved and forwarded by you,) for Expenses of Quarter which ended 30th September 1862.

In my letter of Septr 30th, calling attention to delays attending the arrival of Drafts, three words were accidentally omitted in copying from the rough draft of the letter,- as follows: In speaking of the manner of making and sending the Requisitions the letter says "they are sent sufficiently early to give time for the Draft from Washington in honor thereof, (if promptly dispatched,) to arrive here before the close of the Quarter, covered by said Requisition." It should read, before the close of the first month of the Quarter, covered by said Requisition. The Wages and Salaries are paid here monthly; other Bills are paid as they are presented.

No Draft has been received for the Balances so often written of as due on the two previous Requisitions.

I still await, with anxiety, the report on the Treasurer's Statement of account of Appropriations, (Special and otherwise,) & Drafts received thereon,) and information as to the balances due the Branch Mint on the 1st July 1862, as per the Books of

the Department, which I trust, and believe will show the Treasurer's Statement of Balance to be correct.

Enclosed, please find the following Papers.

Unpaid Deposits at close of 3rd Quarter 1862.
Statement of condition of Branch at close of September 1862.
Expenditures of 3rd Quarter 1862.
Certificate of Transfer of Parting charge for September 1862.
Gold Deposits & Coinage for September 1862.
Silver Purchases " " " "
Localities of Gold Deposits " "

The Bullion a/cs and Vouchers of the Branch for 3rd Quarter 1862, will be forwarded by Wells Fargo & Co's Express, per Steamer, hence, tomorrow, to Hon T. L. Smith, First Auditor of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.

Robt J Hughes
Superintendent.

To Hon James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Treas
Supt. Pr. Mint
San Francisco
Cal

Enclosing Reports
for
Nov 15, 1862

Correspondence
Branch Mints

November, 1862

SAN FRANCISCO, 1862

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, October 10th 1862.

Sir.

Since I last had the honor of addreping you, no letter has been received.

Upon the question of supplies of which I wrote you very fully at that time, I am glad to be able to state that the Treasurer, Mr Cheesman, obtained in response to a telegram, - the gratifying intelligence that a Draft had left the Department on the 26th Sept for the use of this Branch; - amount not stated.

I trust that ere this the discrepancy about the balances is cleared up to conform to the showing of the Treasurer's Statement forwarded you on the 31st July, - and that, hereafter, the difficulty under which we have labored so often during the past eighteen months, may be obviated, as this inability to pay promptly, - combined with the character of payment - in this country where gold is the universal monetary medium, is a source of serious inconvenience, and is fast getting to be a cause of extra expense, - as we find it difficult to purchase as favorably as formerly.

No Funds have yet arrived with which to purchase silver.

Governor Nye of Nevada Territory assures me that the Gallion yield of this Territory may be estimated at Ten Millions Dollars for the present year, (1862.) Mr Franklin of the "Prices Current" admits that estimate for the current "Fiscal Year."

Enclosed, please find the following Papers.

Monthly Count and Examination, September 30th 1862.
Duplicate Requisition of Coiner for Files.

Very Respectfully.
Your Obedient Servant

Hon. Jas. Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia
Pa.

Superintendent

Amt $ 10

[redacted]

Supt Branch Mint

San Francisco

Cal

Dec 1863

Sent by Wells Fargo

Co.

Nov 10. 1862.

Philad^a. Nov. 10. 1862.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th ult^o. With the enclosures stated.

The following working dies for the year 1863. have been sent to You to-day per Wells Fargo & Co. Express. viz:

Double Eagle	4 Obverse
Eagle	4 Obverse
Half Eagle	2 Obverse
Quarter Eagle	2 Obverse
Three Dollar	2 Reverse
Gold Dollar	4 Reverse
Dollar (Liberty)	2 Obverse
Half Dollar	4 Obverse
Quarter Dollar	4 Obverse
Dime	4 Obverse
Half Dime	3 Obverse
" "	3 Reverse
In all	38 working dies

Copy

Philada. October 25th 1862.

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herewith a communication from Robert J. Stevens Esq. Superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco Cal, setting forth the great inconvenience experienced at that institution from the irregular manner in which the Drafts issued to cover the Requisitions of the Superintendent, are received.

It appears from the Superintendents letter that Drafts were received for only a part of the Amounts embraced in his requisitions of Feb. 24th & April 30th last, and that no portion of the Amount embraced in his requisitions of June 30th last, had at the date of his letter, (September 30th) been received.

The institution was consequently without funds to pay the expences of the last quarter.

In view of these facts and the necessity of placing the Branch mint in a proper financial condition, I most respectfully recommend that the subject receive the early consideration of the Department, and that if it has not already been done, a Draft covering the full amount of the Requisitions received up to this time, be forwarded to the Branch Mint at an early day and that the requisitions

Accord how often, be acted on as early as convenient,

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint

Signed

Hon. S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City,

To. Secretary Treasury

Endosing communication from Supt Br. about San Francisco a Respecting irregularity in receiving drafts &c

Oct 25, 1862.

Sir.

Referring to my letter of the 7th inst. in which I enclosed a communication from Robt. J. Stevens, Supt. Branch Mint, San Francisco, in relation to the proposition of Messrs Judson & Co., for supplying that institution with acids, I beg to call Your attention to the following facts: the quantity of nitrate of soda, (the principal article used in the manufacture of nitric acid,) which Messrs Judson & Co. have on hand at San Francisco, will not, at the present rate of consumption of acid by the Branch Mint, last longer than March next. Nitrate of soda, is only procurable at Iquiqui, in Peru, and about five months is required, from the time the order is sent out from San Francisco, to receive a cargo. Messrs Judson & Co. have informed the Superintendent, that they do not feel safe in ordering a shipment prior to receiving information of the action of the Department on their proposition for supplying the Branch Mint with acids. If Your decision is made early within a few days, and they are apprised of it by telegraph, the order for nitrate of soda would

portably be sent out early next month, and a supply of the article by April next insured.

It will be seen from the foregoing that the proposition of Judson Mc. should be considered by the department at its earliest convenience, and Your decision communicated to the Superintendent by telegraph. When this is done I will thank You to inform me of the same that I may know what action, if any, to take respecting a shipment of acids from the East which will become necessary if Messrs Judson Mc. do not soon send an order to Peru for a cargo of Nitrate of soda.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servant.

J. A. Bloch
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City

Sec Treasury
Washington City

Respecting early
action in relation
to proposition of
Judson & Co. to
Supply Revenue
Cutter Jamaica,
Mott Secy.
Oct. 15, 1862.

No. 2

Office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States,
San Francisco, California, Oct 17 1862

I Certify, That the Treasurer of the Branch Mint San Francisco.

has this day deposited to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Thirteen Thousand Six hundred Sixty Six 89/100 Dollars, on account of an amount accruing from Gold & Silver Bullion deposits during September 1862 to be placed to the Credit of appropriations for contingent expenses of Branch Mint San Francisco.

for which I have signed Triplicate Receipts.

D N Sherman
Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

$13.666.89

Branch Mint of the United States.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

San Francisco, Oct. 20th 1862

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I have the honor to hand you the Duplicate Certificate of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at this place for Thirteen thousand Six hundred & Sixty Six 89/100 Dollars $13.666.89/100 the amount of the Profits of this Branch for the Month of September accruing as follows viz

For Deductions on Gold Deposits 10139.02

" " " Silver Purchases 3041.42

" " " Deposited for Coin Bars 486.45

Transferred to the U.S. Treasury on Warrant of the Superintendent and in accordance with Section 16 page 9 of printed instructions.

The Original is returned as a voucher to accompany the Quarterly Bullion Account

Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt
D.M. Cheesman
Treasurer

To
Jno. James Pollock
Director of United States Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Deductions

Sept 1862

San Francisco

October 29th 2.

Sir

In preparing the Annual Estimates of appropriations required for the support of the Mint and Branches, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30. 1844, it is necessary for me to know what amounts now standing on the Books of the Treasury, at the close of the last quarter, October 1st 1843, to the credit of the Appropriation for the Branch Mint at San Francisco, (including the declarations from respective parts with the Treasury of the credit of said respective portions)

Having occasion to forward the Estimates to the Register of the Treasury as soon as they can be prepared, I will thank You to have the information above required sent to me as soon as convenient.

I have the honor to be,
very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint

Hon. Wm. Wilkins,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, October 29, 1862.

Sir,

In preparing the "Annual Estimates" of Appropriations required for the support of the Mint and Branches for the Fiscal Year ending June 30. 1864, it is necessary for me to know what amounts were standing on the Books of the Treasury to the credit of the Appropriation for the Branch Mint, San Francisco, at the close of the last quarter, 30th. ult. (including the deductions from deposits paid into the Treasury, to the credit of said appropriation.)

It being my desire to forward the Estimates to the Register of the Treasury, as soon as they can be prepared, I will thank You to cause the information above requested to be sent to me as soon as convenient.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Director of the Mint.

To
The Sec. Treasury

State of appropriations
for support of Br. Mint
San Francisco, Cal
Sept. 30, 1862

Oct 29, 1862

Localities from whence Deposits of Gold Bullion were received at the U. S. Branch Mint, San-Francisco, California, during the Month of January 1863.

Weight Before Melting.

From What Locality.	Number of Ounces.		Total Receipts.
California.	21. 498	16	
Oregon.	6. 584	69	
British Columbia.	4. 252	11	
Nevada Territory.	625	32	
Colorado "	365	30	
Frazer River.	112	50	
Washington Territory.	54	97	
Mexico.	41	45	
Mixed Coin.	15	78	Ozs. 33.550. 2/5

To Hon James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.

Sir

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, February 10th 1863.

Superintendent.

Localities from whence Deposits of Gold Bullion were received at the U. S. Branch Mint, San Francisco, California, during the Month of February 1863.

Weight Before Melting.

From what Locality.	Number of Ounces.		Total Receipts.
California.	10.074	50	
Oregon.	1.175	44	
British Columbia.	478	46	
Colorado River.	109	72	Oz. 11.861.22
Mexico.	23	10	

To Hon James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, March 10th 1863.

Robt J Stevenson
Superintendent.

Localities from whence Deposits of Gold Bullion were received at the U. S. Branch Mint, San Francisco, California, during the Month of March 1863.

Weight Before Melting.

From what Locality.	Number of Ounces.		Total Receipts.
California.	50.	348 09	
Oregon.	3.	677 60	
British Columbia.		673 74	
Colorado.		255 94	
Mixed Coins.		127 75	ozs 55. 166. 36/100
Washington Territory.		42 40	
Mexico.		40 84	

To Hon James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, April 12th 1863.

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent.

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Localities from whence Deposits of Gold Bullion were received at the U. S. Branch Mint, San Francisco, California, during the Month of April A. D. 1863.

Weight Before Melting.

From what Locality.	Number of Ounces.		Total Receipts.
California	91. 955	97	
Oregon.	4. 176	04	
Colorado.	1. 411	66	
Mexico.	297	08	
British Columbia.	266	23	Ozs. 98. 283. 11/100
Washington Territory.	113	17	
Mixed Coins.	62	96	

To Hon James Pollock
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint,
San Francisco, California, May 12th 1863.

Rob't B. Swain

Superintendent.

Localities from whence Deposits of Gold Bullion were received at the U. S. Branch Mint, San Francisco, California, during the Month of May A. D. 1863.

Weight Before Melting.

From what Locality.	Number of Ounces.		Total Receipts.
California.	113.	277 93	Ozs. 123. 439. 13/100.
Oregon.	8.	317 10	
Colorado.	1.	042 23	
British Columbia.		590 94	
Mixed Coins.		194 05	
Washington Territory.		11 05	
Dacotah Territory.		5 83	

To Hon James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint,
San Francisco, California, June 15th 1863.

Robt. Stevens
Superintendent.

Localities from whence Deposits of Gold Bullion were received at the U. S. Branch Mint, San Francisco, California, during the Months of June 1863

Weight before Melting

From what Locality	Number of Ounces	Total Receipts
California	113.455.44	
Oregon	16.185.55	
Mixed Coins	294.72	
British Columbia	122.54	Ozo. 130.167.27.
Mexico	108 80	

Superintendent's Office U. S. Branch Mint
San Francisco, California July 8th 1863.

Robt. B. Swain
Superintendent

To Hon James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

S. F.

June
1863

Localities from whence "Deposits of Gold Bullion" were received at the U.S. Branch Mint, San Francisco, California, during the Months of July A.D. 1862.

Weight Before Melting.

From what Locality.	Number of Ounces.	Total Receipts.
British Possessions.	1.063 06	
Oregon.	21.677 72	
California.	33.599 62	
Foreign Coins.	165 69	
		ozs. 56.506 09

Superintendent's Office, U.S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, August 20th 1862.

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent.

To Hon James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Localities from whence "Deposits of Gold Bullion" were received at the U. S. Branch Mint, San Francisco, California, during the Month of August A. D. 1862.

Weight Before Melting.

From what Locality.	Number of Ounces.		Total Receipts.	
British Possessions.	446	02		
Oregon.	29. 563	67		
California.	67. 150	94		
Foreign Coins.	178	81	Oz. 97.339	44

To
Hon James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Superintendents' Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, September 18th 1862.

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent.

Localities from whence "Deposits of Gold Bullion" were received at the U. S. Branch Mint, San Francisco, California, during the Month of September A. D. 1862.

Weight Before Melting.

From what Locality	Number of Ounces.		Total Receipts.	
California.	60. 299	94		
Oregon.	29. 757	22		
British Columbia.	1. 904	52		
Foreign Coins.	442	91		
Refined Gold.	28. 777	04		
			Oz. 121. 181	63

To Hon James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, October 20th 1862.

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent

Localities from whence Deposits of Gold Bullion were received at the U. S. Branch Mint, San Francisco, California, during the Month of October 1862.

Weight Before Melting.

From what Locality.	Number of Ounces.		Total Receipts.
California.	70. 497	62	
Oregon.	27. 665	90	
British Columbia.	9. 442	99	
Washington Territory.	285	63	
Australia.	217	80	
Foreign Coin.	216	65	
Mexico.	175	03	
Fraser River.	102	31	
Refined Gold.	19. 207	12	Oz 127.811.05

To Hon James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, November 20th 1862.

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent

No 1

Localities from whence "Deposits of Gold Bullion" were received at the U. S. Branch Mint, San Francisco, California, during the Months of November A. D. 1862.

Weights Before Melting.

From what Locality.	Number of Ounces.		Total Receipts.	
California.	59.306	31		
Oregon.	17.932	86		
British Columbia.	13.070	22		
Frazer River.	468	70		
Dacotah Territory.	314	42		
Mexico. (Coin)	247	79		
Washington Territory.	198	13		
Colorado.	122	86		
Australia.	82	34	Ozs. 94.743	66

To Hon James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, Decem 16. 1862.

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent.

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Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, November 1st 1862.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of Septr 23rd;- also, that of Septr 30th, enclosing letter from the Hon Secty of the Treasury of Septr 22nd,- notifying me that a transfer draft on the Treasurer of this Branch, payable in fine silver bullion, would that day be issued by the U. S. Treasurer; and containing instructions for the shipment of the same to you.

I am unable to ship this Bullion by the Steamer of to-day, as the Transfer Draft has not yet been received by the Treasurer. It shall be forwarded by the first Steamer after the arrival thereof.

I received on the 22nd ultmo, a telegram from the Hon Secretary, as follows: "Accept the offer of Judson & Co "for acid at prices stated in your report to Director, 31½ December. "He will explain by Mail." (signed) "S. P. Chase. Sec of Treasy."

I sent for Judson & Co & informed them thereof, but they now decline the contract on those terms, giving as a reason,- the present depreciated condition of the legal tender notes, in which they receive their payment, and which to-day are 14 pc

below par. They agree, however, to continue the supply at present rates & terms until the 1st January next. I await the arrival of your letter on this subject, before writing further in relation to it.

It would seem by your reply to my representations of the great embarassment, caused by the non-arrival of money for expenses of this Branch, in due time, that you considered the fault with the Mails. This is not the case, - as in no single instance has the Draft failed to reach here in a reasonable time after its departure from Washington. The delay has always been in starting.

Enclosed, please find, Statement of Appropriations for October 1862.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
Robt Stevens
Superintendent.

Hon James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Transmitted

Robert J. Stevens

Supt U.S. Mint

San Francisco

Assay Com's Reports

for Oct. Nov. & Dec.

Declaration of proved

Acid Gold sent by

Adam & Co.

Nov 29. 1862.

Philad.a Nov.r 29. 1802.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the Assay-book of your institution, for the month of October last

Very Respectfully Your Obed.t
Servt
Alex.r Dallas
Dir.r of the Mint

R. Patterson Esq.r
Supt Pr. Mint
Philad.a
Mint

Assayer's Office
U.S. Branch Mint
San Francisco 11th Nov 62

Robt J. Stevens Esq
Supt
Sir

The Assay Department is in pressing need of a pair of Assay-rollers, not for preparing Samples, but for rolling assays. The pair we now have in use, occasions so many reassays & so much delay in work, as seriously to interfere with economy & promptitude & they are needed for other work. As new rollers can be far more advantageously obtained in Phila. than in this city I would respectfully suggest that they be ordered from that place, for which there is an additional reason; viz; that a perfect model of the kind needed can be seen in the Assayer's Laboratory of the Phila Mint.

The mechanical principle of applying the power in that pair of rolls, is the only true one for rollers designed for the delicate work ~~for~~ upon which these are to be employed. Some years

ago, when in corresponding need, an order was sent to Phila for a duplicate of their fine rolls. Tho' some misunderstanding, when furnished, they proved to be only an ordinarily geared pair. As our then Superintendent was a timid man & the bill had been paid they were not sent back, but should there be sent out another pair unlike that called for in our requisition I see no other remedy than to return them to the manufacturer. Before the bill is paid, it seems to me desirable that the goods be furnished & that the Director receive advices from you that they are satisfactory. Should the Assayer of the Phila Mint deem a pair of ordinary gear rolls good enough to work with, I would cheerfully accept of his present fine rolls, & let him have the advantage of new ones with common gear. His judgment for his work should be conclusive, as my own for mine should be. If it is impossible to obtain such tools as are satisfactory to me in any other way I shall be compelled to purchase them from my own private purse, as I am unwilling to work with implements in any degree inferior to those furnished to any other Corresponding Mint Offi-

-cer. To prevent the possibility of misapprehension on the part of the Director or Machinist from whom he will order them, I would respectfully suggest that they confer with Mr C.B. Hare the foreman of the Assayer's Laboratory in the Phila Mint, whom I shall in a personal letter fully advise as to precisely what is needed. Or if he is no longer employed in the Mint, that their preparation be entrusted to Mr Geo. Eckfeldt of Phila.

Very Respectfully
Yours
C Wiegand
Assayer.

Dec 16. 1862
Robt Whitney
Copyright asks
Gilbert & Gilbert
Atty at Law
Washington
Dec 16. 1862

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, November 10th 1862.

Sir.

I had the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your favors of the 23rd & 30th Septr, on the 1st ulto, - since which I have received nothing further.

The Treasurer of this Branch has not yet received the "Transfer Draft" from the U. S. Treasurer, and I am, therefore, still unable to ship the $15.000 of Refined Silver.

The Treasurer has not yet received the Draft for Requisition for Expenses of this current Quarter. The Requisition was sent by the Steamer of Septr 1st, & the enclosure covering it was acknowledged by your letter of 30th Septr. My letter of Septr 30th has fully stated the embarrasments arising from delays in the reception of money, and I have no doubt that such representations have been made to the Department, as will ensure more prompt remittances in the future.

I have looked with solicitude for a reply from the Department, to the Treasurer's Statement of a/c and balances subject to Requisition on the 1st July 1862, for use of this Branch. This Statement was forwarded by Steamer of Augt 1st, and thus far, no answer has been received.

I am particularly anxious to be assured that the balance as there stated, ($55.215 26/100), is the same on the Books of the Department, - as the Estimates for Appropriation asked, for the Expenses of this Branch, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30. 1864

are made up on this understanding, and I take the liberty of again asking your attention to the matter in connexion with these Estimates, and desiring a corresponding alteration of the amount of appropriation asked for, should the balance be stated differently.

I am induced, particularly, to dwell upon this, in view of the prospective increase of work of the Branch, and also, because of the additional outlay involved, (in the "ordinary & contingent expenses,) by reason of the increase of prices demanded by parties supplying the Branch, because they are paid in "legal tender" notes, instead of Gold as formerly. This will amount, at present, to about 15 p.c increase in this class of expenditure, and must tend to reduce the balance, estimated as available on July 1. 1866 to $13,000 instead of $30000 as stated in my Summary in letter of Sept.r 19th, accompanying the Estimates.

In trade circles here, two prices are asked now for all commodities;— the one predicated on payment in Gold Coin;— the other upon payment in legal tenders;— the latter being about 15 per cent higher than the former. You are, of course, aware that previous to the appearance of the legal tenders,— gold and silver coins were the only general trade medium,— no "currency" as known on the Atlantic Slope, existing here.

The Government has, as yet, sent but One Million of these Notes. A considerable amount has arrived here on private account;— their relative value as compared ~~with~~ to Gold being so much greater here than at the East, as to warrant their shipment on speculation. Should the supply cease, they would appreciate to 90 or 95 immediately;— but of this, I think there is little probability. Should it increase, there will, of course, be a corresponding decline.

I have the honor to enclose, herewith, the computation sheet of the 57 1/2 Barrels Sweep shipped by "Prima Donna", April 11th, and asked for in your letter of Septr 22d. A similar paper to the one now forwarded, was sent with my letter to you of April 11th, which, with the enclosures, was acknowledged in your letter to me, of June 28th.

I also, enclose the Monthly Count & Examination on the last day of October 1862.

Very Respectfully.
Your obt Servant.

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent.

Hon Jas Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Rec'd

Supt R. Mint

San Francisco

(10 Nov)

Capt. Requisitions

& Supts

Dec 8. 1862.

Philad^a. Dec. 8. 1862.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter of the 10th inst^o, with the enclosures stated.

Referring to Your remarks protesting Your requisitions on the Treasury, and the failure to receive drafts promptly in return, I have to request that You will prepare and send to me on the 1st proximo. a Statement of the drafts (No and amt.) received by You during the Year ending 31st December 1862. If Your Statement exhibits the business in its present unsatisfactory condition, I will make it the subject of a Special call at the Department, with a view to have any errors corrected, and the drafts sent promptly thereafter.

Very Respectfully,

R. J. Stevens Esqr
Asst Treasurer U.S. Boston.

Jas. Pollock Director.

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, November 20th 1862.

Sir.

No further advices have been received, since I last had the honor of addressing you.

The Shipment of the $15000 of refined silver, still awaits the necessary formality of the Transfer Draft from the U. S. Treasurer to the Treasurer of this Branch. As the Mails are coming in with regularity and dispatch, I conjecture that it must have been overlooked at the Department.

The money for Requisition for Expenses of the current quarter is now much needed, and I am trusting that every day's mail will bring the Draft. I look with much interest for your answer to my letter of Septr 30th on this subject, as I hope it will assure me of an improvement for the future.

At the request of Mr Wiegand, (the Assayer,) I enclose his letter with my statement that, he has convinced me of the propriety of granting the Rolls asked for therein, - those now in use are, as he describes them, & owing to our largely increased silver work are needed for other use.

I enclose the following reports, - all that I have yet received from the Treasurer. The others will, doubtless, be in to-morrow or next day, & I will send them by Overland Mail. - No 1. Localities of Gold Deposits for Octr 1862. Nos 2 & 3. Gold & Silver Deposits & Coinage for Octr 1862.

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servant.

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent.

Hon James Pollock
Director &c.

From Lo
Robt J. Stevens
Supt Br Mint
San Francisco

Assay Comes Reports
for Nov. 1862.
Lent receipt ackd.

Jan 2. 1862

Correspondence
Branch Mints

January 1862

By "Overland Mail."

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, Nov. 28th 1862.

Sir.

By Steamer just arrived, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st ultmo, - together with the enclosures. A full reply to its contents will be forwarded by Express, per Steamer, hence, December 1st.

The Five Hundred Dollars in half-dimes came safely to hand.

Enclosed, please find the following Reports, - which, - together with those previously forwarded, constitute all for the Month of October 1862.

Condition of the Branch at the close of the month of October 1862.
Certificate of Transfer of Parting Charge for Month of October 1862.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant,
Robt J Stevens
Superintendent.

Hon James Pollock
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Philad.a Jan.y 2. 1862.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th. 28th. and 29th. Ultimo last, with the enclosures stated, also, a package containing the Assay Bars of your Branch Mint, for that month.

On the receipt of your letter of the 28th of December I wrote to the Treasurer of the U. States, at Washington, informing him that the Transfer Draft for $1,000,000 payable in fine Silver Bullion, had not, to the date of your letter, been received at the Branch Mint, and enquiring to whom and when the Draft was forwarded. He replied stating that "the Adams Express Co. were in daily expectation of the receipt of the Bullion for delivery at Philadelphia". This is all the information I have on the subject.

I am, very Respectfully,

Robert Patterson Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint
San Francisco, Cal.a

Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Branch Mint of the United States.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

San Francisco, Nov 26th 1862

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I have the honor to hand you the Duplicate Certificate of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at this place for Fifteen thousand four hundred & thirty Seven 83/100 Dollars $15437.83/100 the amount of the Profits of this Branch for the month of October accruing as follows viz.

For Deductions on Gold Deposits	12538.88
" Silver Purchases	2898.95

Transferred to the U S Treasury on Warrant of the Superintendent and in accordance with Section 16 page 9 of printed instructions.

The Original is reserved as a voucher to accompany the Quarterly Bullion Account

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
D M Boyer
Treasurer

To
Gov. James Pollock
Director United States Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Deductions
Oct 1862
San Francisco.

No. 21

Office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States,
San Francisco, California, Nov 26 1862

I Certify, That the Treasurer of the Branch Mint San Francisco.

has this day deposited to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Fifteen Thousand four Hundred thirty Seven & 83/100 Dollars, on account of an amount accruing from Gold & Silver Bullion deposits during October 1862 to be placed to the credit of appropriations for contingent expenses of Branch Mint San Francisco.

for which I have signed Triplicate Receipts.

O. H. Cheesman
Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

$ 15.437.83

Philadelphia Dec. 6. 1862.

Account of Sale of Scraps. for Branch Mint San Francisco.

1862 Aug 12th. Cash received for 125 Bls Scraps (per Wells Fargo & Co's Exp.) $7.727.60

Deduct Expenses paid as follows:

Freight from San Francisco Lot 14. $478.03

Storage. Sampling &c 135.47 605.50 $7.119.60

Oct. 20th. Cash received for 57 Bls Scraps (per Pacific Mail Steamer) $2.980.75

Deduct Expenses paid as follows:

Freight from San Francisco Lot 14. $240.57

Storage Sampling &c 56.66 297.23 2.683.52

Net proceeds of two lots of Scraps for which drafts payable in gold coin may be drawn and sold. $9.802.65

U. S. Hotel
Phila Dec 6, 1862.

E. A. Packer Esq.

Dear Sir.

I have your letter of the 4th inst. One Hundred Dollars for your services in storage, shipping & of the last lots of Camp from Balt. R. Hotel, appears to be a reasonable charge. Please receipt and return to me the enclosed account for that amount, and I will send you a check therefor. With thanks for your attention to this I remain very Respt. Yours

Jno. Pollock
Director

Philad.a Dec. 6th. 1862.

Robt. J. Stevens Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint.
San Francisco. Cal.a

Sir.

Enclosed you will please find statement of Sale of two lots of Dust shipped by your Branch Mint to me at Newyork. The net proceeds of the Dust amount to $9,802.65, for which your Treasurer may draw on me at sight, making his draft payable in Gold Coin and sell the same at for the highest premium he can obtain. The premium realized, will, as heretofore, be paid into the Treasury of the U.S. Mint, as a miscellaneous receipt.

I send herewith a receipt of the Adams & Co. for three Casks, containing the Dust ordered some weeks since. The usual Expenses attending the transportation of such articles I

Express, suggest the propriety of ordering them in time to be shipped via Cape Horn.

Very Respectfully,

J. W. Pollock

Director of the Mint

To
R. J. Stevens Esq
Supt Br Mint
San Francisco

Enclosed statements
of Sale of Scrap,
2 Lts. Primes
& Omea "Neptune
Car" Deposits &
Authority from Treas
for Net proceeds
Bill of Lading &c
File endorsed
Dec 6. 1862

Correspondence
Branch Mints

December. 1862

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Br Mint.
San Francisco, California, Decem 10th 1862.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of November 10th. The Dies mentioned & described therein, have not yet arrived. They will, I judge, be on the next Steamer & will be in full time.

The "annual Settlement" is progressing in the Branch at present, and will, I think, compare very favorably in its results with any former one. I hope by the next Steamer to be able to transmit a detailed account thereof, - and shortly after, a tabular statement of the operations of the Calendar Year, - (now closing,) which have been very large. The Branch will re-open with the new year.

Referring to your letter of Octr 31st, - I thank you for your prompt attention to my letter of Septr 30th in relation to delays experienced in receiving the necessary supplies of money in answer to my Requisitions, and doubt not, it will effect the desired reformation.

But as the Draft in answer to Requisition for the

current Quarter has not yet been received, I have deemed it, not improper, in forwarding the enclosed Requisition for Expenses of Quarter, ending March 31. 1863, to append a note thereto, informing the Department of the fact, and expressing the hope that the Draft to meet this latter Requisition might be despatched early in January, and also, that I may be informed at their earliest convenience of the condition of the balances subject to requisition for use of this Branch at the close of the last Fiscal Year; - had these been received here in due course, the Branch would not now have been without funds.

No Transfer Draft for the $15.000 of Refined Silver has yet been received.

The matter of the Acid Contract, I shall be able to report fully upon after the return of Mr Boone, (the Special Agent of the Treasury Department,) from Oregon, - as partly at their instance, I have requested his assistance in view of the new form it has taken.

They, (Judson & Co), are still supplying at the old rates.

Enclosed, please find the following Papers.

Monthly Court and Examination, Nov 29. 1862.
Requisition for Expenses of First Quarter 1863.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant.
Robt J Stevens
Superintendent

Hon James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

To & From,
Robt. J. Stevens,
Supt. Br. Mint
San Francisco,
Cal,
In relation to the
Dies, & accounts
& examination, &c,
of the Br. Mint at
San Francisco Cal,
Jan 10th 1863

Philadelphia January 10. 1863.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your letter of the 10th inst. with the Enclosures stated.

I am pleased to learn of the progress of Your Annual Settlement, and anticipated favorable result.

Your Requisition for Expenses of Quarter ending March 31. 1863, has been transmitted to the Department with my approval. In doing so, I took occasion to refer to Your Note attached thereto, and urged upon the Department, the more prompt attention to Your Requisitions for funds.

I have traced up the transfer draft for $18,000 payable in Gold Coin, and find that it was sent to Adams Express Co. at N.Y. for collection. — I am therefore

by Mr. (or Adams Express Co.) to avoid
loss or robbery. The drafts were
forwarded from there, & expect a
reply in the course of today.

I enclose for your use a doz
printed copies of my annual Report
for last fiscal year — Please hand
a copy to each of the Officers of your
Co.

I am, very Respectfully,
James Pollock
Director
by A. R. Linderman

Robt. H. Stevens Esq
Supt. Pac. R. R. Co.
San Francisco,
Cal.

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No 2

Office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States,
San Francisco, California, Dec 19 186 2

I Certify, That the Treasurer of the Branch Mint San Francisco Calif.

has this day deposited to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States, Twelve Thousand Six hundred ninety Six 33/100 Dollars, on account of an amount accruing from Gold & Silver Bullion deposits during November 1862 to be placed to the Credit of appropriation for contingent expenses of Branch Mint San Francisco

for which I have signed Triplicate Receipts.

D M Cheesman
Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

$ 12.696.33

Dec. 1862

Dedications

S. Town.

Philad.a Dec. 17. 1862.

Sir

On the 23d September last you advised the Treasurer of the Mint that you had on that day issued a sight draft in his favor on the Treasurer of the Branch Mint San Francisco, for $15,000, payable in fine silver bullion, for transportation to this city via by the Adams Express Co.

The draft above referred to had not been received at the Branch Mint up to the 12th inst. the date of my last advices from that office. I deem it proper to call your attention to the subject and have to request that you will inform me when and how the draft was forwarded and to whom sent.

Very Respectfully,

J.W. Polk

Director of the Mint.

F. E. Spinner Esq.

Treasurer of the United States.

Washington City.

To J. E. Spinner
Treas. U. States
Washington City

Respecting Draft
in favor of Treas
Mint. for $15,000
issued in Sept
Cert on U. Mint
San Francisco
Payable in
Silver

Dec 20, 1862.

Correspondence
U S Mint & Branches

December,
1862.

Statement of Requisitions forwarded and Drafts received by the California Branch Mint, during the Year 1862.

Date of our Requisition.	For Expenses of Quar ending	Date of Draft to meet it.	When Received by the Branch.	Amount of Requisition.	Amount Rec'd by Branch.
Decem 3rd 1861.	Mch 31. 1862.	April 21. 1862.	June 2. 1862.	$ 66.829 99	$ 66.829 99
Febry 24. 1862.	June 30. 1862.	May 30. 1862.	June 27. 1862.	56.269 17	32.785 77
Apl 30. 1862.	(Special appropriation Fiscal Year 1861&62)	May 30. 1862.	June 27. 1862.	20.000 .	13.568 01
June 30. 1862.	Septr 30. 1862.	Septr 26. 1862	Octo 20. 1862.	79.784 14	79.784 14
Aug 28. 1862.	Decem 31. 1862.	Nov 29. 1862	Decem 24. 1862.	61.682 03	61.682 03
				284,565 33	254 647 94
				254,647 94	
				$ 29.915 39	

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Br Mint.
San Francisco, California, Jany 13. 1863

Hon James Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Superintendent.

Requisitions
made

for Provisions at Ft. Smith and Van Buren
during year
1862.

Wastage rolls.
Statement, relating to
annual settlement
Dec. 31. 1862
R. Office Saint Louis Mo.

Papers and Reports relating to "annual settlement"
and to the work done in the Branch, durin
Year 1862.

Branch Mint of the United States.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

San Francisco, Jan'y 19 1863

Sir.

Below please find Mem'd of Character of Gold & Silver Bullion returned by Miller Refining and Coining at Settlement of Dec 31st 62

From Miller Refining

685 Fine Silver Barz weighing	Gross oz	148.785.60
Inzots		16.607.95
Assayer Silver		354.35
Do Gold		16.75
Do Barz Nos 51. 52. 53		256.49
Settlement Barz Nos 1 to 21		9368.66
2 Gold Syphonz		352.12
	Oz.	175.741.92

abo 115 Bbls Sweep.

From Coiner

Clippings Chip & Blanks	Oz.	8729.25
Coinz Silver		2330.85
Settlement Barz 5. 6. 8. 9. 10		236.90
	Oz.	11.297.00

abo 2 Bbls Sweep.

Respectfully Yours

D H Haskell

Treasurer

Robt J Stevens Esq

Superintendent U S Br Mint

The whole amount of Gold Bullion delivered and charged Wm Schmolz Coiner during the term embraced in his present Settlement viz from Jany 18th to Dec 31st 1862 inclusive as per books.

is.

ozs. 1.776.265.940	$ 33.046.808.18

The amount returned and credited him during the same period is 1.776.053.265 — $ 33.042.851.43

Showing actual Wastage	212.675	3.956.75
The Legal Limit as above	2.664.399	49.570.21

The whole amount of Silver Bullion delivered and charged him during the same period as above

is

ozs. 1.036.286.98	$ 1.205.861.21

The amount returned & credited him during the same period

is.	1.036.146.98	1.205.698.30
Showing actual Loss	ozs. 140.00	$ 162.91
The Legal Limit of above	2072.57	2411.72

Dated Jany 17th 1863

D Mc Cheesman

Treasurer

Condition of U S Bullion Fund at date of Dec 31st 1862

Nominal Bal. as Cr of this Fund			500 000 00
Deduct Debit Balance against the late Mint & Assay Office as Yearly Debit Bal of Profit & Loss a/c		152 327 03	
and Profits Not yet transf.	122. 820.38 258.14	123 078 52	275 405 55
Actual Balance			$ 224 594 45

again.

Bal Gold Bullion a/c (In Treas Vaults)	21 703 86	
" Silver Do "	238 071 24	
" Gold Coinage "	93 500 24	
" Silver Do "	35 673 50	
" Gold Assay Coins	6460 00	
" Silver " "	75 85	
	395 484 69	

Due

Unpaid Deposits	109 855.79		
Bullion Dep P & Loss	46 166.44		
Silver Purchase P & L	14 609.87		
Profits Not transf	258.14	170 890 24	$ 224 594 45

The amount of Gold Bullion returned at Settlement was.		1187 792	22 098 46
the Bal of Gold Bullion a/c is		1166 582	21 703 86
showing an Excess of	Ozs.	21 210	$ 394 60

U S Branch Mint
San Francisco, Calif. Dec 31st 1862

D M Gruesuen
Treasurer

The whole amount of Gold Bullion delivered and charged W. S. Denio, Melter & Refiner during the term embraced in his present Settlement viz from Jany 18th to Dec 31st 1862 inclusive as per books,

is.

ozs. 1.776.499.233	$ 33.051.148. 52

The Amount returned and credited him during the

same period is ozs. 1.776.264.297	33 046. 777. 62
Showing actual wastage ozs. 234. 936	$ 4370. 90
The Legal Limit above 3552. 998	66 102. 29

The whole amount of Silver Bullion delivered and charged him during the period as above

is.

ozs 1.301.177. 00	$ 1.514.096. 88

The amount returned & credited him during the same period

is, 1.301.601. 22	1.514.590. 51
Showing Gain ozs. 424. 22	$ 493. 63
The Legal Limit of Loss 2. 602. 35	3028. 19

Jany 14th 1863. D. M. Chessman

Treasurer

U S Branch Mint Year ending Dec 31st 1862

Silver Bullion received, Description, for what deposited, or purchased, Weight Value Charges etc.

Quarter	Number Deposits	Description	Character	Weight Gross ozs	dec	Standard ozs	dec	Value of Silver	Value of Gold	Charges Coinage	Charges Parting	Charges Making Bars	Net Value
First Quarter	146	Mostly Martin & Co	Purchased	75 330	05	72 861	06	88 161 88	146 228 09	731 44	2118 35		231 540 18
Second do	232		do	151 401	90	127 305	00	154 039 05	264 490 36	1326 36	4490 22		412 712 83
do do	2		For Fine Bars	534	10	415	41	483 39	64 02	32	24 31	2 42	520 36
Third do	261		Purchased	198 142	80	196 772	57	238 094 81	350 071 25	1750 85	6755 76		579 659 45
do do	45		For Fine Bars	49 015	45	48 747	73	56 724 63	91 173 75	455 98	1689 40	231 13	145 521 87
Fourth do	227		Purchased	171 256	35	172 018	71	208 142 64	255 122 59	1276 14	5775 40		456 213 69
do do	5		For Fine Bars	5 773	95	6 002	66	6 984 91	6 895 24	34 49	202 14	27 01	13 616 51
	918			631 454	60	624 123	14	752 631 31	1114 045 30	5575 58	21055 58	260 56	1839 784 89

Silver Coined and Manufactured into Bars.

Month	Half Dollars ozs	dec	Dollars	Quarter Dollars ozs	dec	Dollars	Dimes ozs	dec	Dollars	Refined Bars ozs	dec	Dollars	Total ozs	dec	Dollars
January	4 000	00	5 000 00										4000	00	5 000 00
February	38 400	00	48 000 00										38 400	00	48 000 00
March	18 400	00	23 000 00										18 400	00	23 000 00
April	20 800	00	26 000 00										20 800	00	26 000 00
May	33 600	00	42 000 00	4800	00	6 000 00	3760	00	4 700 00	437	07	508 59	42597	07	53 208 59
June	36 000	00	45 000 00										36 000	00	45 000 00
July	40 800	00	51 000 00	2400	00	3 000 00	1600	00	2 000 00	884	56	1 029 31	45684	56	57 029 31
August	47 200	00	59 000 00	800	00	1 000 00	2900	00	3 625 00	47797	52	55 618 93	98697	52	119 243 93
September	38 400	00	48 000 00	4000	00	5 000 00				18750	13	21 818 33	61150	13	74 818 33
October	52 000	00	65 000 00				5000	00	6250 00				57000	00	71 250 00
November	88 800	00	111 000 00	1400	00	1 750 00	1200	00	1 500 00	5935	77	6 907 08	97335	77	121 157 08
December	122 400	00	153 000 00							444	33	517 04	122844	33	153 517 04
	540 800	00	676 000 00	13400	00	16 750 00	14460	00	18 075 00	74249	38	86 399 28	642909	38	797 224 28

United States Branch Mint
San Francisco Calif^a Dec 31st 1862
D Alexander
Treasurer

Branch Mint of the United States.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

San Francisco, Dec 19 1862

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I have the honor to hand you the Duplicate Certificate of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at this place for Twelve thousand Six hundred & ninety Six 33/100 Dollars $12696.33/100 the amount of the Profits of this Branch for the month of November accruing as follows viz:

For Deductions on Coin Deposits	9617.74
" " " Silver Purchases	2876.45
" " " Dep't Fine Bars	202.14

Transferred to the U.S. Treasury on Warrant of the Superintendent and in accordance with Section 16 page 9 of printed instructions.

The original is reserved as a voucher to accompany the Quarterly Bullion Account

I am
Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
D. McHenry
Treasurer

To James Pollock
Director United States Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Br Mint.
San Francisco, California, Decem 19th 1862.

Sir.

Since my last, I have not had the honor of hearing from you. The Box of Dies for the Year 1863, mentioned in your letter of November 10th, came safely to hand by Express this morning, and have been delivered to the Coiner.

The Transfer Draft for the $15.000 in Refined Silver Bullion has not yet arrived.

Our Annual Settlement is progressing, with I am satisfied, satisfactory results. Immediately upon its completion, full statements will be furnished you.

Enclosed, please find the following papers.

Gold Deposits & Coinage, during the Month of November 1862.
Silver Purchases " " " " " " "
Localities from whence Gold Deposits were received during " "
Condition of the Branch at the close of the Month of " "
Certificate of Transfer of Parting Charge for the " " "

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant.

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent.

Hon James Pollock
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, December 22d 1862.

Sir.

I had the honor to forward to you, per Express, on the 20th inst, a letter, enclosing certain reports; among which was the Treasurer's Certificate of Transfer of Parting Charge for November 1862. Herewith, please find the Treasurer's letter, which should have accompanied the "Certificate of Transfer",- but was accidentally omitted.

The Ships "Galatea" and "Haze" with Copper shipped by you for use of the Branch have arrived.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
Robt J Stevens
Superintendent.

Hon Jas. Pollock.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Superintendent's Office, U. S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, December 31st 1862.

Sir.

Since my last, I have had the honor to receive your letters of Novem 29th & Decem 6th;- the latter covering enclosures.

The a/c of Sale of Sweep of 1860 & 1861 was forwarded to the Treasurer of this Branch,- with authorization to make a draft on you, (payable in gold coin for $9.802. 65/100) and sell it to the highest bidder, which has been done at a premium of 3 per cent;- the principal being restored to the Bullion Fund of this Branch, and the premium paid as per instructions into the U. S. Treasury as a miscellaneous receipt.

I am happy to be able to inform you that the Draft to meet requisition for the quarter closing this day ($61.682. 23/100) looked for since the latter days of October,- arrived on the 24th inst.

The deliveries of Bullion to the Treasurer by the Operative Officers in settlement of their annual account,- were made on the 29th inst. I have been hoping to receive an official synoptical statement thereof from the Treasurer in time to forward by tomorrow's Steamer,- but it is not yet in. I shall send it by "Overland Mail" immediately upon its receipt. From an informal and uncomplete summary, I am satisfied that the settlement has resulted creditably to the Officers, and will compare favorably with the last.

I note your suggestions in regard to anticipating our wants from the East in time to avoid the necessity of expressing them by the expensive route of the Isthmus,- and

have addressed notes to the Officers particularly enjoining more forethought in this respect, and desiring them to make an examination in this regard, to day.

The present instructions in regard to the reception of what is constituting a large and increasing portion of our receipts, viz: the Mixed Bullion from Washoe & Esmeralda, - I think, might be somewhat modified to the great convenience of the Depositor, and without detriment to any interest. Under the above instructions, this Bullion is received as a Silver Deposit, such being "most congruous with its physical aspect"; - it being very white & silvery in appearance, even where the value of the mixed mads may be two-thirds gold to one-third silver. It often occurs that these Deposits are offered in Bars, assayed by well-known Assayers, with the value of the Gold contained therein & the Value, also, of the Silver, stamped thereon, and latterly there have been instances where Bars so stamped, and containing upwards of 400 or 500 Dollars in value in Gold & Silver, (but weighing less than $100 Value if the Assay stamp be ignored & they are only to be received in conformity with their "physical aspect", which would class them as silver deposits,-) have been refused by the Treasurer, because of that Proviso of Section 14 of the Mint Laws, - "That it shall be lawful to refuse any deposit of less value than $100."

It appears to me that in such cases the Assay Stamps of well-known Assayers may be received as a better indication of the true character of the Bullion, or rather of its preponderating value, than is shewn by its "physical aspect," and that the reception of stamped Bars may be governed thereby, - and I therefore, submit this suggestion.

Enclosed, please find the following papers.
Statement of Assay Coins reserved from the coinage of Decem 1862.
Letter from the Treasurer.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedient Servant.

Hon James Pollock
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

Robt J Skeen
Superintendent.

From D

Supt Br. Mint
San Francisco.
Cal.
19. 22. For 31st Dec 1862

Report Assay
Com for Dec. 1862
Drafts for Smelts
paid for
Assayers Stamps
on bars, & unpaid
bullion & undrawn
to Thursday
Jan 29, 1863.

Branch Mint of the United States.

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

San Francisco, Dec 31st 1862

Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that I have this day drawn on you at Sight payable to order of Sather & Church for the Sum of Nine thousand Eight Hundred & two 65/100 Dollars $9802 65/100 given in Duplicate payable in Gold Coin, it being the amount held by you payable as above for Net proceeds of Sales of Sweep of this Branch for the years 1860-61

Proposals for this Draft were invited in the usual manner, and the highest offer (from Mssrs Sather & Church) 3. per cent was accepted—

I am Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
D. McMurray
Treasurer

To
Jas James Pollock
Director of United States Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Philadelphia January 30. 1869.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Your letters of the 19th. 22d. and 31st. ult. with Enclosures stated. also, a Package containing the Assay Coins of Your mint for the month of December last.

Your Treasury draft for $9.502.50 net proceeds of Assays sold, — was presented and paid on the 27th. inst.

Your suggestion that the assay stamps of Mint Known Assayers be received as indicating the character of bars of unparted bullion, is approved.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock

Director U.S. Mint.

Robt. J. Stevens Esq.
Supt. Branch Mint,
San Francisco

Mint of the United States Philad.a Novem.r 8.th 1862

Working dies for the Branch Mint at San Francisco for the year 1863 — furnished by the Engraver of the Mint this day — One box containing, as follows —

	Obverse	Reverse
Double Eagle	4	
Eagle	4	
Half Eagle	2	
Quarter Eagle	2	
Three Dollar		2
Gold Dollar		4
Dollar	2	
Half Dollar	4	
Quarter Dollar	4	
Dime	4	
Half Dime	3	3
	29 +	9 = 38 —

In all 38 working dies

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Engr.

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